

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



ST. ROSALIE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
March 27, 2022

## The Pastor Jots It Down

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



It is my hope and prayer that all the members of our communities are doing their very best this Lenten season to grow in their relationship with Jesus through the traditional Lenten practices.

These traditional practices help us turn our attention to God, making him number one in our lives. They help us see the plight of our suffering brothers and sisters and to assist them in their need. They help us gain self-mastery over ourselves, and thus strengthen us in resisting the temptations of the devil.

The gospel story of the woman caught in adultery could be very much about you and me for we are sinners like the woman in the story. We have all at times failed to keep the Commandments of God, and have failed to live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our lives.

Jesus did not come to earth to condemn sinners, but rather to save us from our sins.

In this gospel, the self-righteous people in the crowd wanted to inflict the penalty of death upon the woman. Then came the teaching moment when Jesus said: "If any of you are without sin, let him cast the first stone." Slowly but surely those in the crowd realized that they, too, were sinners, and quietly slipped away till there was no one there but Jesus and the woman.

Jesus spoke to the woman: "Has no one condemned you?" She replied: "No one, sir."

Jesus replied: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, now, and sin no more."

Jesus didn't condemn her for her past sin but sent her forth to avoid sin in the future.

The same holds true in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The priest acting "in persona Christi" welcomes the sinner, forgives the contrite of heart, and sends one forth with the same admonition Jesus gave the woman to avoid sin in the future.

Yes, in our world today, and sadly to say even in our parishes, there are people who condemn others. People who have spiritual blindness and mistreat others because of their past failures and sins. Sinners and saints are all created in the image and likeness of God and deserve our respect.

Let us sinners all pray for conversion of heart this Lenten season. Let's examine our consciences and expose our sins in the sacrament of Penance to worthily prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery.

God loves you!

*F. Mark*



## Testimonial of A Shaw Senior

"I was looking at your Facebook earlier today. And the way the Salesians live out their lives is truly addicting and inspirational. I've grown to love this so much over the years at Shaw and will push myself to be more like you guys every day in my future."

## How a Professional Soccer Player Uses His Wealth



Sadio Mane, a Senegalese soccer star, earns approximately \$10.2 million annually.

He gave the world a rude awakening after some fans were flabbergasted when they saw him carrying a cracked iPhone 11.

His response was awesome:

*"Why would I want ten Ferraris, 20 diamond watches, and two jet planes? I starved, I worked in the fields, played barefoot, and I didn't go to school. Now I can help people. I prefer to build schools and give poor people food or clothing. I have built schools and a stadium, provide clothes, shoes, and food for people in extreme poverty. In addition, I give 70 euros per month to all people from a very poor Senegalese region in order to contribute to their family economy. I do not need to display luxury cars, luxury homes, trips, and even planes. I prefer that my people receive some of what life has given me."*

# *The Rich Family in Our Church*



I'll never forget Easter 1946. I was 14, my little sister Ocy 12, and my older sister Darlene 16. We lived at home with our mother, and the four of us knew what it was like to do without many things. My dad had died five years before, leaving Mom with seven school kids to raise and no money. By 1946, my older sisters were married, and my brothers had left home.

A month before Easter, the pastor of our church announced that a special Easter offering would be taken to help a poor family. He asked everyone to save and give sacrificially. When we got home, we talked about what we could do. We decided to buy 50 pounds of potatoes and live on them for a month. This would allow us to save \$20 of our grocery money for the offering. Then we thought that if we kept our electric lights turned out as much as possible and didn't listen to the radio, we'd save money on that month's electric bill. Darlene got as many house and yard cleaning jobs as possible, and both of us baby sat for everyone we could. For 15 cents, we could buy enough cotton loops to make three potholders to sell for \$1. We made \$20 on potholders.

That month was one of the best of our lives. Every day we counted the money to see how much we had saved. At night we'd sit in the dark and talk about how the poor family was going to enjoy having the money the church would give them. We had about 80 people in our church, so we figured that whatever amount of money we had to give, the offering would surely be 20 times that much. After all, every Sunday the Pastor had reminded everyone to save for the sacrificial offering.

The day before Easter, Ocy and I walked to the grocery store and got the manager to give us three crisp \$20 bills and one \$10 bill for all our change. We ran all the way home to show Mom and Darlene. We had never had so much money before. That night we were so excited we could hardly sleep. We didn't care that we wouldn't have new clothes for Easter; we had \$70 for the sacrificial offering. We could hardly wait to get to church! On Sunday morning, rain was pouring. We didn't own an umbrella, and the church was over a mile from our home, but it didn't seem to matter how wet we got. Darlene had cardboard in her shoes to fill the holes. The cardboard came apart, and her feet got wet,

but we sat in church proudly, despite how we looked. I heard some teenagers talking about the Smith girls having on their old dresses. I looked at them in their new clothes, and I felt so rich.

When the sacrificial offering was taken, we were sitting on the second row from the front. Mom put in the \$10 bill, and each of us girls put in a \$20. As we walked home after church, we sang all the way. At lunch, Mom had a surprise for us. She had bought a dozen eggs, and we had boiled Easter eggs with our fried potatoes!

Late that afternoon the minister drove up in his car. Mom went to the door, talked with him for a moment, and then came back with an envelope in her hand. We asked what it was, but she didn't say a word. She opened the envelope and out fell a bunch of money. There were three crisp \$20 bills, one \$10 bill, and seventeen \$1 bills. Mom put the money back in the envelope. We didn't talk, but instead, just sat and stared at the floor. We had gone from feeling like millionaires to feeling like poor white trash.

We kids had had such a happy life that we felt sorry for anyone who didn't have our mom and dad for parents and a house full of brothers and sisters and other kids visiting constantly. We thought it was fun to share silverware and see whether we got the fork or the spoon that night. We had two knives which we passed around to whoever needed them. I knew we didn't have a lot of things that other people had, but I'd never thought we were poor. That Easter Day I found out we were poor. The minister had brought us the money for the poor family, so we must be poor.

I didn't like being poor. I looked at my dress and worn-out shoes and felt so ashamed that I didn't want to go back to church. Everyone there probably already knew we were poor! I thought about school. I was in the ninth grade and at the top of my class of over 100 students. I wondered if the kids at school

knew we were poor. I decided I could quit school since I had finished the eighth grade. That was all the law required at that time.

We sat in silence for a long time. Then it got dark, and we went to bed. All that week, we girls went to school and came home, and no one talked much. Finally on Saturday, Mom asked us what we wanted to do with the money. What did poor people do with money? We didn't know. We'd never known we were poor.

We didn't want to go to church on Sunday, but Mom said we had to. Although it was a sunny day, we didn't talk on the way. Mom started to sing, but no one joined in and she only sang one verse. At church we had a missionary speaker. He talked about how churches in Africa made buildings out of sun-dried bricks, but they need money to buy roofs. He said \$100 would put a roof on a church. The minister said, "Can't we all sacrifice to help these poor people?"

We looked at each other and smiled for the first time in a week. Mom reached into her purse and pulled out the envelope. She passed it to Darlene. Darlene gave it to me, and I handed it to Ocy. Ocy put it in the offering plate. When the offering was counted, the minister announced that it was a little over \$100. The missionary was excited. He hadn't expected such a large offering from our small church. He said, "You must have some rich people in this church."

Suddenly it struck us! We had given \$87 of that "little over \$100." We were the rich family in the church! Hadn't the missionary just said so?

From that day on I've never been poor again. I've always remembered how rich I am because I have Jesus!

by Eddie Ogan

From the Facebook posting of Susan Collins

# Announcements

## MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Fr. Anthony Dhamaraj, MSFS, a visiting missionary from the Missionaries of St. Francis DeSales, otherwise known as the Fransalians. Their main missionary charism is the pioneering evangelization in the non-evangelized countries and the education of the less privileged youth through children's homes and orphanages. More than 3500 economically poor, semi orphan or orphan children are cared for and educated in their 93 children's homes both in India and 12 countries of Africa.

## SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

The Sanctuary Committee for the weekend of April 2nd is Team 4, which consists of Mary Landry, Jane Burke, Evangelina Rodriguez, Sandra Hecker and Rose Champagne.

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

If you took a baby bottle and have not returned it yet, please do so ASAP. Arrangements are being made for pickup.

### *In Our Parish*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
*will burn in memory of*  
**Godfrey E. Boudreaux, Sr.**

**BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP**  
*will burn in memory of*  
**Raymond Champagne**

**SACRED HEART SHRINE LAMP**  
*will burn for the healing of*  
**Shannon Morvant Olivero**

**ST. ROSALIE SHRINE LAMP**  
*will burn for the healing of*  
**Colleen Martin**

**ALTAR WINE**  
*is given for the healing of*  
**Tess Martin**

## *Note Change in hours of* **Adoration and Confessions** for Wednesdays

March 30th & April 6th *only* – 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
to coincide with the archdiocese  
Regular hours of 7:00-8:00 p.m. will resume April 13th.

## 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.

# COUPLES KNIGHT OUT

Benefit for  
**METANOIA MANOR**

“Safe Refuge Facility for Girls Rescued from Human Trafficking”

**\*\*\* Open to General Public \*\*\***

**Saturday, April 9 6pm to 11pm**

**\$30 per person**

**Games, Food, Drink, Fraternalism**

**St. Rosalie Cafetorium**

**622 1st Avenue Harvey, LA 70058**



# Mass Intentions



## SATURDAY, MARCH 26

- 8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.  
Carmen & Charles Austin  
Alexis & Beverly Vicari  
Raymond Champagne  
Joretta Bourgeois  
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora  
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez  
Craig Pellegal  
Calogero D'Amico  
Donald Comeaux  
Thomas Byrnes  
Mallitta Davis

## SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- 7:30a.m. Donna Rankins  
10:30a.m. Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois  
Kevin Fitzhenry  
Byron S. LeJeune  
Nelson Cantrelle, Jr.  
Martha Martinez  
Rosalie Gaspar  
Agnes & Sydney Rotolo  
Bridgette Oubre  
Dagoberto Martinez

## MONDAY, MARCH 28

- 7:00a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory  
12:10p.m. Raymond Champagne  
Amay Moorman

## TUESDAY, MARCH 29

- 7:00a.m. Fr. Sid Figlia, SDB  
12:10p.m. Raymond Champagne  
Fred Gerstner, Jr.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

- 7:00a.m. Geraldine Landry  
12:10p.m. Raymond Champagne  
Dee Clements  
Mary Martin

## THURSDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:00a.m. Sr. Gerard Leahy, OP  
Sr. Kathleen McNally, OP  
Sr. Jude Flanagan, OP  
Sr. Jeanne McLaughlin, OP  
Sr. Marie Claire Gaynor, OP  
12:10p.m. Raymond Champagne

## FRIDAY, APRIL 1

- 7:00a.m. Marilyn & Charles 'Tee' Blanchrd  
12:10p.m. Raymond Champagne  
Todd & Percy Robichaux  
Fred Gerstner, Jr.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 2

- 8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
4:00p.m. Vincent Baldassaro, Jr.  
Carmen & Charles Austin  
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB  
Kenneth Ockman  
Malcolm 'Buck' Cortez  
Dominick & Conchetta Bellipani  
Craig LeBlanc  
Alexis & Beverly Vicari  
Hilton Lirette  
Donald Comeaux  
Raymond Champagne  
Sam Paternostro  
Iris & Tibby Thibodeaux  
Rodney Wilcox  
Avis & E.J. Burmaster  
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc, Sr.  
Claude & Verine Zeringue  
Ethel & Henry Kraus  
Wayne Oubre  
Dwayne Guidry

### MASS FOR HEALING:

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

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

**SPECIAL MASS:** For conversion of sinners.  
Prayer for Peace in the Ukraine

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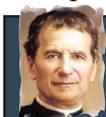
**Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB, Pastor**

**Fr. George Hanna, SDB**

**Fr. Wilgintz Polynice, SDB**

*Parochial Vicars*

**Kevin Steel, Deacon**



**Do not try to excuse your faults;  
try to correct them. – John Bosco**