



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 10, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE

### MASS TIMES

Saturday ..... (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm  
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Currently open every day  
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light. ©LPi

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 11

8:30 am Joey Tamburello

### Tuesday, March 12

8:30 am Sr. Mary Veronica Miceli

### Wednesday, March 13

8:30 am Frank Hoffman

### Thursday, March 14

8:30 am Martha Sanders

### Friday, March 15

8:30 am Special Intention, Frances Englert

### Saturday, March 16

4:00 pm Ellis & Marilyn Torres, David Snyder, Melancon & Fisher Families, Ken Fisher, Billy Corales, Rolando Ramon, Bob Richard, Living & deceased members of the Larousse & Brock Families, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, EJ & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Arnold McGill, Sr., Anthony, Steve, & Nancy Valure, Souls in Purgatory, Evelyn Farlough

### Sunday, March 17 • 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Eula McMurry, Karen Angelo, Gioan Phan Binh, Gioan Phan Huy, Wayne Bene, Sr., Linda Guedry, Freddie, Anna Mae & Dottie Giangrosso, Michelle Walker, Dominic Mai Nguyen, Alexandra Alford Healy, Glenna Jacob, Special Intention, Susette G. Forsythe, All Souls

10:30 am Zulma Williams

3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners

7:00 pm Rory & Jourdan Growl, Lynn Hymel, Jr., Dolly Omond



### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

In memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet

### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

In memory of EJ & Zola Martin

## Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

50<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 3:00pm

at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Metairie

To register, please contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, March 12th.



## Congratulations, William Rauch

### Ascension of Our Lord Parish

### Altar Server of the Year

Please join us in congratulating our Altar Server of the Year, **William Rauch**. William, along with all of the parish Altar Servers of the Year throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans, was honored by Archbishop Aymond at a special Mass and Celebration at St. Rita Church in New Orleans on Thursday, February 29th. We appreciate your commitment to serving our parish, William!

IF I EVER  
FORGET YOU,  
LET ME BE  
*silenced.*  
PSALM 137



## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



### VINCE AMBROSETTI

- Catholic Artist of the Year, seven-time honoree of Unity awards, and three-time Grammy Nominee
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### PARISH FAMILY CONCERT

**Sunday**  
March 10, 2024  
5:00 pm

### FUTURE FULL OF HOPE PARISH MISSION

**Monday & Tuesday**  
March 11 & 12, 2024  
6:30 pm

**Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church**  
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### St. Joseph Altar Blessing & Viewing Schedule

Located in Piovan Parish Hall

[enter through gate in Church parking lot]

**Sunday, March 17th**

Blessing of the St. Joseph Altar in Piovan Parish Hall following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Following the Blessing, the St. Joseph Altar will be open after all Masses on this day

**Monday, March 18th**

Open in the evening for PSR Students

**Tuesday, March 19th**

Open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.  
The Altar will be dismantled at 4:00 p.m.

Italian Cookies, Baked Goods, Wine, Candles, Medals, Rosaries, & Holy Cards are available for a donation.

All proceeds will be sent to the Saltillo, Mexico Missions in honor of our deceased founding pastor, Fr. Benny Piovan.

Framed photos of deceased loved ones, to be placed on the Altar, may be placed in the box in the Church foyer by

Friday, March 15th. Please tape your name & phone number to the back of the frame.

If you have any questions or to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office at (985) 652-2615.



Is God calling you  
to serve as an

### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Liturgical Ministry Workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are now available for registration.

Call the Parish Office to register for the following or another upcoming workshop.

**Saturday, March 16th 9am-1pm**  
**St. Joan of Arc Church**

### Evenings of Confession

**Wednesdays**  
**March 13 & 20**  
**5:00 - 6:30 pm**

Confession will be available in all Archdiocesan Churches from 5:00 - 6:30 pm on this day.

### Stations of the Cross

**Tuesdays at Noon & Fridays at 6:30pm**  
**in Church**

Friday Stations of the Cross will include a Communion Service and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Stations of the Cross in Spanish follows on **Fridays at 7:30pm**



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Monday, March 11

6:00-7:30pm Parish School of Religion - School  
6:30pm Future Full of Hope Mission - Church

#### Tuesday, March 12

12:00noon Stations of the Cross - Church  
6:30pm Future Full of Hope Mission - Church

#### Wednesday, March 13

11:00am Rosary for Peace - Adoration Chapel  
2:20pm School Stations of the Cross - Church  
5:00-6:30pm Evening of Confession

#### Thursday, March 14

8:30am School Mass - Church

#### Friday, March 15

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Church  
10:30am-6:00pm Lenten Fish Plates for Sale - in front of school  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross/Communion Service/Divine Mercy Chaplet  
7:30pm Spanish Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 16 • Team 3

St. Joseph Altar Set-up

#### Sunday, March 17 • Team 3

St. Joseph Altar Blessing following 8:30 Mass & Viewing after all Masses  
8:30am Altar Society Monthly Mass - Church



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!**

**The Adoration Chapel is  
open every day from  
9:00am to 9:00pm.**

**“He remains among  
us until the end  
of the world.”**

**Go to your Adoration  
as one would to  
heaven, to the  
divine banquet.**

### Kids Corner

#### Prayer

God, thank you for sending  
Jesus to wash away my sins.

#### Mission for the Week

Help your parents wash  
dishes. As you take dirty  
dishes and wash them clean,  
talk about how Jesus washed  
our sins away on the cross.

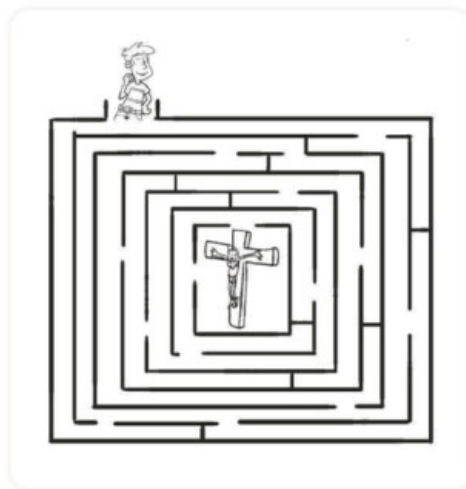
#### Sharing the Gospel

When the Hebrews sinned  
in the desert, snakes came  
to bite them. Moses lifted  
up a metal snake in the  
desert. If God's people  
looked at the metal snake,  
their painful snake bites  
would be healed. Instead  
of dying from their snake  
bites, they would live. Our  
sins are a lot like those  
snake bites. Sins turn us  
away from God, hurt us, and  
hurt other people. When  
Jesus was lifted up on the  
cross, he washed our sins  
away. Jesus gave us healing  
and forgiveness. We don't  
need to die from our sins.  
We can believe in Jesus,  
follow God with our whole  
hearts, and live forever.

**Now color  
the picture!**



Help the boy find Jesus



### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars  
are held on the first Tuesday of  
each month in the Parish Office  
at 7:00pm. Please call the  
Parish Office to pre-register.

**WEDDINGS:** Couples must  
contact the priest at least six  
months prior to the preferred  
date of the wedding.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**  
Please call the Parish Office at  
985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE  
HOMEBOUND:** To be added to  
the list, please call the Parish  
Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make  
arrangements with the priest  
prior to making final arrange-  
ments with the funeral home.





## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn. ©LPi

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### The Uncomfortable Life in The Light

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call "forgiving light." But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

But it feels so much better, doesn't it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

"Is this really me?" you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

*"And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil." — John 3:19*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 <i>Scrutiny:</i> 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6(1)/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33 <i>Scrutiny:</i> Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 ©LPi





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