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INFANT BAPTISM: English: Call Church Office to schedule Seminar and Baptism at least 2 months in advance.

MATRIMONY: Consult with parish priest first, at least six (6) months prior.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

9:00 a.m. 1st Saturday of every Month

4:00 p.m. English

6:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

English

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
follows 9:00 a.m. Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:00 - 3:45 p.m. English

5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Spanish

Sunday

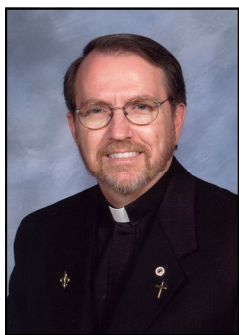
5:15-5:45 p.m. English

Anytime by request



DID YOU KNOW?

You can visit Jesus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in
our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



OLDP Update

Just a reminder, that as we enter our 2nd week of Lent, we have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Also, for those who may not know, there are outdoor Stations of the Cross along the N. Starrett and West Metairie fence, in front of the Cuccia Center, if you would like to do the Stations on your own during the day.

Another reminder: Our Adoration Chapel is open but because of its small size we must ask people to call the Chapel coordinators (check the website: www.oldp.org to get the phone numbers) and register for a time slot. We are limited to 6 people at one time in the Chapel but there are time slots available.

Our Knights of Columbus, here at OLDP, are continuing their tradition of offering Drive-thru Fish Fry dinners, every Friday during Lent, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Next weekend, March 6th and 7th, would normally be our second collection for our Building and Maintenance Fund. However, for safety reasons, we are not yet passing the baskets at Mass. Therefore, there will be white Building and Maintenance envelopes on the table in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Church.

If you haven't noticed there are a large number of Word Among Us booklets in the Narthex. These booklets are currently taking the place of Missalettes. Each booklet has all the readings and prayers for the weekday and Sunday Masses for you to follow along. Please take one and, if you are able, we would appreciate a donation to help us pay for the booklets. There are white envelopes in some of the booklets for your donation. Just drop the donation in one of the collection boxes on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

God bless you,
Fr. Mike



Second Sunday of Lent February 28

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— Romans 8:31b

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

THE ART OF LISTENING

**If you want God to listen to you when you pray,
shouldn't you listen to God when God speaks
to you?**

—Anonymous

Living Stewardship Now

God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord, give us a glimpse of the glory that you have prepared for all who trust in you and remain faithful to you. Strengthen us to walk through any darkness that may threaten our ability to believe.

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**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER
FOR WEEKEND MASS AND
WEAR A MASK TO KEEP OTHERS SAFE.
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (466-4511)
THANKS IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

This Week in Our Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Church

MONDAY, MARCH 1

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Come, Lord Jesus, 7:00 p.m., St. Lawrence Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Bread of Life, Come, Lord Jesus, 12:00 p.m., Zoom.US

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Clay, Come, Lord Jesus, 10:00 a.m., St. Lawrence Room
- Emmaus, Come, Lord Jesus, 10:00 a. m., Cuccia Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Knights of Columbus Drive thru Lenten Fish Fry, 4:00-till
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
- Ven Senor Jesus, 7:00 p.m., Providence Hall/St. Lawrence Room

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

- 1st Saturday Mass, 9:00 a.m., Church
- 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. (Spanish), Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Church



Saturday February 27

- 4:00 p.m.** Sr. Edna Eileen Byrne,
Larry Connolly, Yvonne Delery
Gil Gonsoulin, Linda Lemoine
Kenny Margavio, Wayne Munsch
Joe & Louise Montalbano
Josephine Montalbano
Linne & Wayne Olivier
Francis Rester, Roger Tassin

Sunday February 28

- 8:00 a.m.** Paul Melancon
Healing of Clifton Williams
- 11:00 a.m.** Felix G. Fischer, Jr.
Anthony J. LaPorte
Edward Mahne, Sr.
Ron Shannon, Sr.
Ron Shannon, III
Donald J. "Dutch" Villarrubia
- 6:00 p.m.** FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Monday March 1

- 9:00 a.m.** Pal Melancon
Geraldine Mitchell
Healing of Clifton Williams

Tuesday March 2

- 9:00 a.m.** Geraldine Mitchell
Healing of Clifton Williams

Wednesday March 3

- 9:00 a.m.** Paul Melancon
Healing of Clifton Williams

Thursday March 4

- 9:00 a.m.** Patricia Anne Shannon
Healing of Clifton Williams

Friday March 5

- 9:00 a.m.** Sacred Heart

Saturday March 6

- 9:00 a.m.** In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words “Let us pray,” followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a “collect” because it gathers or “collects” the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or “Let us pray”; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, “yes,” “may it be so,” making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration ~

Are you celebrating your Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2021? The Archdiocese of New Orleans invites you to celebrate your 50th and beyond Anniversary on Sunday, June 27 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church. The celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Please call the Church Office at 466-4511. **This is your last week to register.**

Subscribe to the Year of the Eucharist & St. Joseph

As we continue the celebration of the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, we are excited to officially launch the partnership with The Vigil Project this Lent. Through this special year of renewal, our archdiocese is bringing a unique opportunity for you to deepen your faith and understanding in the Eucharist and devotion to St. Joseph. By God’s grace, we believe this can transform our local Church as we journey together. Please find the new Year of the Eucharist & St. Joseph website and consider subscribing at <http://nolacatholic.org/eucharist> to receive these regular email messages that will include short excerpts of Church teachings, prayers, spiritual reflections, and faith sharing from clergy, religious, and laity in the archdiocese and beyond.

Women’s Retreat – Change Your Way of Thinking and Believe in the Gospel

March 5, 2021 - March 7, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie. This retreat, we will see how the teachings of Jesus (“love your enemies, forgive seventy times seven times, be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful, go sell what you have and give to the poor”) are calling us to transform our whole way of thinking in order to see reality with the eyes of faith and transform our lives accordingly. Presenter: Fr. Doug Dousan The retreat check-in is between 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes after lunch on Sunday. Registration includes meals and accommodations. To register for this retreat, call our retreat office at 267-9604. Our capacity is limited due to COVID-19 and we are currently accepting registration on a first come first serve basis. A non-refundable deposit is required to register. You can choose to pay just the deposit upon registration or to pay in full. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Kim Gandolfi at 267-9600.

LENT REGULATIONS**ABSTINENCE**

All Catholics are required to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays during Lent including Good Friday.

1st Saturday Mass

Join us this Saturday and every 1st Saturday of the month for the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Church
In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Abbey Art Works Classes Offered ~ Registration is available for several classes and workshops at Abbey Art Works, including:

- Leonardo's Legacy: Painting, Science, and the Life of the Soul with Lyn Hill Taylor. Required for beginners. Recommended for all. Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Year-round.
- Advanced Drawing Techniques with Jaclyn Warren. Wednesdays, April 7th through June 2nd, 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- Painting Impressionistic Landscapes in Pastels and Oils - Four days of Plein Air and studio painting with Alan Flattmann, May 17-21.
- Drawing from the Soul with Robert Labranche. Wednesdays, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Year-round.
- Advanced Still Life Oil Painting with Auseklis Ozols, Saturdays, April 10th through May 29th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Registration online at: www.saintjosephabbey.com/abbeyartworks. Abbey Art Works can also be contacted at 985-327-1021 or info@abbeyartworks.com.

Come Join Us For
Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. in Church



FRIDAY
March 5th

FRIDAY
March 19th, 26th
April 2nd
(Way of the Cross)

**OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE
CHURCH**
(W. Metairie between N. Starrett and N. Atlanta)

Saints of the Week & Feast Days

Wednesday **Saint Katharine Drexel**, Virgin, (USA); died 3 March 1955 at age ninety-seven; Philadelphia heiress and foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; established some forty-nine foundations, including Xavier University in New Orleans; canonized 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

Thursday **Saint Casimir**; died 1484; Polish prince known as the "brother and defender of the poor"; led an austere life; patron of Poland and Lithuania.

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

Mother Teresa

Second Sunday of Lent

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM."

The Transfiguration takes our breath away. It is good that we are dazzled on a yearly basis, because we need this brightness to bring us back to lives of love and purpose. We really want to put Christ first, but the harshness of daily life often pushes him to the sidelines. Today he makes his annual and very hard-to-ignore appearance arrayed in shimmering splendor. Again we hear God's voice: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mark 9:7). And like Peter, James, and John before us, we really want to listen, for we know that he is our Beloved, too.

"ALL THIS BECAUSE YOU OBEYED MY COMMAND"

Though Jesus knew his trials were about to begin, that day on the mountain he recommitted himself to fulfilling his destiny. That day he experienced God's love so profoundly that he was able to become a willing sacrifice for human sin. And how deeply must God love us by allowing the Crucifixion to happen! "He . . . did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all" (Romans 8:32).

In the first reading, Abraham's profound commitment to God's call caused him to put the knife to his own son's neck. God rewarded Abraham's unswerving obedience with abundant blessings and "descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and sands of the seashore . . . All this because you obeyed my command" (Genesis 22:17, 18).

Today the readings invite us to taste God's deep love and to listen to God's Son. Most importantly, we are encouraged to continue God's love story, recommitting our lives to Christ. As we reflect on God's message of total obedience, let us pray for guidance to see clearly the shape of our destiny. Echoing the psalmist's words, "O Lord, I am your servant" (Psalm 116:16), let us willingly accept any hardships that we encounter and any sacrifices that are necessary, knowing that along the way we will be dazzled and deeply loved.

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Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

"ESTE ES MI HIJO, EL AMADO, ESCÚCHENLO"

La transfiguración nos deja sin aliento. Es bueno que estemos deslumbrados durante todo el año, porque necesitamos que este resplandor nos lleve a una vida de amor y de metas. Necesitamos de veras poner primero a Jesús, pero los obstáculos de la vida diaria frecuentemente lo relegan a un lado. Jesús, envuelto en un gran esplendor, hace hoy su aparición anual y muy difícil de ignorar. Nuevamente escuchamos la voz de Dios: "Este es mi Hijo, el Amado, escúchenlo". Y, como Pedro, Santiago y Juan frente a nosotros, también queremos escucharlo, porque sabemos que Él es nuestro Amado, también.

"PORQUE HAS OBEDECIDO MI VOZ"

Aunque Jesús sabía que sus padecimientos estaban por empezar, ese día en la montaña se comprometió nuevamente a cumplir su destino. Ese día experimentó tan profundamente el amor de Dios que se mostró dispuesto a sacrificarse por los pecados de los hombres. ¡Y qué profundamente debe amarnos Dios para permitir la Crucifixión! "Ni siquiera perdonó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó por todos nosotros". En la primera lectura, el profundo compromiso de Abrahán al llamado de Dios lo llevó a poner un cuchillo en el cuello de su propio hijo. Dios premió la obediencia inquebrantable de Abrahán con bendiciones abundantes y "descendientes, que serán tan numerosos como las estrellas del cielo o como la arena que hay a orillas del mar... porque has obedecido mi voz".

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a sentir el amor profundo de Dios y a escuchar al Hijo de Dios. Lo más importante es que nos animan a continuar la historia del amor de Dios, entregando nuestra vida a Cristo. Al reflexionar en el mensaje de total obediencia a Dios, oremos por una guía que nos permita ver claramente nuestro destino. Repitiendo las palabras del salmista: "Mira, Señor, que soy tu servidor", aceptemos voluntariamente cualquier obstáculo que encontremos y cualquier sacrificio que sea necesario, sabiendo que en el camino seremos deslumbrados y amados profundamente.



OLDP FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY



1000 N. STARRETT RD, METAIRIE/CORNER W. METAIRIE
(DRIVE THRU)

MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26
4PM – UNTIL....

MENU:

PLATTERS, (ALL PLATTERS INCLUDE CORN, POTATOES & ROLL)

FRIED FISH PLATTER \$9.00

CRAWFISH PIE PLATTER \$9.00

CRAWFISH PIES \$4.00 EA OR 3 FOR \$10.00

SHRIMP ETOUFFE WITH RICE \$5.00(PINT)





With compassion and concern we pray for those in need of our prayers:

Lori Alfano, Michael Alfano, Phil Babin, Karl Barker, Connie Bassemeir, Tommy Bittel, Jr., Renee Bergeron, Harold Bologna, Emma Borges, Willie, Boye, Jolele Canova Brignac, Dan Bristol, Robbie Brown, Egla Buevara, Reid Butler, Judy Bush, Jeneen Callais, Rev. Ronnie Calkins, Kaylee Campo, Nancy Campeaux, Adele Canova, Claire Carbo, Janice Childress, Carson Coen, Casey Coen, Pearl Coli, Carolyn Crowall, Adam Cusimano, Quinn Dantagnan, Emma Davis, Jerry Davidson, Adam De-laune, Llyod Delaune, Rick Dichiarra, Nancy & Dennis Eschmann, Sue Estapa, Cheryl Espinal, George Espinal, Jeraldine Fast, Catherine Federer, Marilyn Fekete, William Fekete, Linda Fortoda, Brandon Foto, Jude Foto, Sr., Karen Foto, Monique Foto, Zack Foto, Leon Giaccone, Bob Gaudet, Darlene Gravis, Donald Gray, Emily Gray, Anna Guale, Jim Halibut, Suzanne Hammel, Wyatt Hawley, Harold Heller, Rene Hernandez, Trudy Hodgson, Alexander Howell, Larry Hymel, Joshua Ivy, Baby Ellie Kahn, Christine Kennedy, Jeanne Kennedy, Shannon Lambert, Catherine Landry, Baby Elijah David Landry, Cindy Lauff, Sherry Lemoine, Steve Lemoine, Regina Lussier, Chet Kelly, Jr., Patricia Matherne, Margarite Michel, Rosa Millano, Brian Mills, Richard Minton, Kenny Molony, Melissa Moskau, Paulette Motly, Claudette Nenoz, Surigao del Norte, Harland Northcott, Jacob Lopez-Nunoz, Jana O'Connor, Charlene & Marlon Parris, Darryl Patton, Anthony "Bubby" Pellittere, Lloyd Perrin, George Pritchard, Michelle Pritchett, Patricia Rachel, Jeanne Ricard, Marsha Robert, Robert Rockvoan, Billy Rodriguez, Melanie Rogers, Abbey Roux, Garland Ruiz, Chris Sachatano, Gina Salito, David Slatinsky, Steve Samrow, Rose Maria Santos, Charlie Sapia, Cheryl Schaff, Peter Schaff, Susan Schaff, John Schultz, Luca Scocerria, Erma Scudari, Jackie Sison, Pat Slate, Evan, Karen & Sean Smith, Mary Smith, Seth Smith, Joyce Sonnier, Jude Soto, Angela Spencer, Linda Speziale, Eric Steen, Jim Stennet, Kathy Stubbs, Karen Stubby, Monique Stubby, Darryl Tinig, Infant Elizabeth Theriot, Don Turley, Jr., Nicholas Dale Tynes, Sherry Vicknair, Cary Vinet, Candy Volk, Toni Wahl, Rock Whitfield, Foster Wimberly.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February 14, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 4,304.00
Online Offerings.....	\$ 1,142.00
Grand Total.....	\$ 5,446.00

Prayer line:

Joan 237-5760



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



Enthronement of the Sacred Heart ~

Would you like to have the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your Home? Every Catholic Home should have this devotion. It will help to make your home a place of prayer and bring your family closer together with each other and with Jesus. To find out more about the Enthronement contact the Church Office 466-4511.