

Jesus took Peter,  
James, and John  
and led them up  
a high mountain  
apart by  
themselves.  
And he was  
transfigured  
before them,  
and his clothes  
became dazzling  
white.

*Mark 9:2,3*

Transfiguration of Jesus  
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

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## **SACRED HEART PARISH BULLETIN**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Weekends:** Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Hispanic Mass at 1:00 PM

**Weekdays:**

Monday 6:00 PM Mass & Adoration

Tuesday 6:00 PM

Wed., Thurs. 8:30 AM; 1st Friday & 1st Saturday 8:30 AM

**PENANCE:** (Confessions)

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Daily before weekday Masses or by appointment

**BAPTISMS:** Scheduled when all paperwork is completed and turned in to the Rectory office. Please contact the rectory four (4) months prior to expected date of birth.

**MATRIMONY:** Please contact the priest at least six months prior to Wedding date for details and arrangements. No weddings during Lent.



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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT****This is a Test**

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test—in verses left out or our reading, he tells the servants that he and Isaac will return after the sacrifice; he also tells Isaac that God will provide the offering. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us: By dying, Jesus showed us the promise of resurrection, which shows us that we can also have new life by the forgiveness of our sins. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? Or as Paul says, if He is on our side, who can hurt us?

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. We sometimes suffer for no apparent reason. We may lose someone we love through death. We may be tempted to lose faith when we see wars, killer tornados, terrorist attacks—if "God is for us," why does he allow these things? Because he is still testing us. And not necessarily testing the victims of these troubles. If I get angry at God because I hear about someone's death, I haven't passed the test.

Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. And some accidents are just accidental; no one is necessarily at fault. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. But as long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.

Tom Schmidt

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**PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for: Erick Greene, Dennis Viator, Linda Rousse, Linda Bruce, Andy Nichols, Valorie Hunter, Danny Naquin, Bertha Griffin, James Barker, Anna Constransitch, Mamie Melancon, Denise Plaisance, Joy Rousse, Numa, Melvina & Alison Breaux, Hubert Gautreaux, Harold Rousse, Jude Duet, Richie Angelette, Mike Callais, Daphne Daigle, Genevieve Artigue, Blake Shirley & Fly, Patrick Miller, Lolette Martin, Lea Callais, Norman Callais; Marty Pitre, Gerald Hebert, Jr., Davarion Adams, Ronald Callais, Scarlet Lafont, Robin Adams, Amy Leonard, Gloria Griffin, Joey Duet, Jalin Pitre, Aaron Gibbs, Crystal Decost, James & Kathy Burchfield, David Cheramie, Landie Kiger, Mike Oglesby and all patients of the Nursing Home

**2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

Let us join together to leave a lasting impact on others. Sacred Heart launches our 2024 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Sacred Heart is committed to supporting the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and its ministries through the Annual Bishop's Appeal and supporting the key ministries that serve our parishioners directly through the appeal. We ask that you join us in prayers and generosity as we support our 7 Seminarians, our 16 retired priests, Sacred Heart Youth and Adult Formation, Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office, Diocesan Ethnic Ministries, and Colonel Catholic Campus Ministry. We ask that you prayerfully reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with first a commitment of your prayers and if you are able place consider a generous giving of our own. We encourage you to watch the Annual Bishop's Appeal Video at home this week on our Diocese social media page and online at [www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal](http://www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal).

**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION**

Thanks to all who donated to our Ash Wednesday collection for Catholic Community Center. We collected \$3,393.41, and these funds will help the Catholic Community Center to serve those in our community who are less fortunate. May God Bless You All!



**LENT 2024****Lenten Weekday Masses:****8:30 a.m.** — Wed., Thurs., Friday**6:00 p.m.** — Monday & Tuesday**Stations of the Cross** — Fridays during Lent after 8:30 a.m. Mass & at 6 p.m.

**Operation Rice Bowl** — Ash Wednesday is the beginning of this program of **prayer, fasting and education**. You are invited to take home a Lenten calendar and rice bowl if you have not taken one already. Monies you place in your rice bowl throughout Lent will benefit the poor both in our Diocese and in the developing world.

➔**NOTE:** When you return your Rice Bowls on Palm Sunday, we would greatly appreciate it if you would please take the change you collected to your local bank and exchange it for paper bills before turning it in to us for processing. Thank you!

**EASTER CANDLE**

**The Easter Candle we purchased for this year will cost approximately \$1200 with shipping and tax. If you would like to donate to its cost in memory of a loved one please see us in the Rectory office to give us the information to be published in our bulletin.**

**FRIDAY MARCH 1****8:30 am**

**1st Friday Mass/ with litany of  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
& Way of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2****8:30 am****1st Saturday Mass****FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION****Sunday, March 3, at 9:00 a.m. Mass**

All children in our First Communion group this year will come together at this Mass to celebrate their being welcomed to the Table of Jesus. We look forward to joining them in this important step of their lives.

**ATTENTION**

**Lectors, Commentators & Eucharistic Ministers the February/March schedules are ready to be picked up from the basket in the Church Sacristy.**

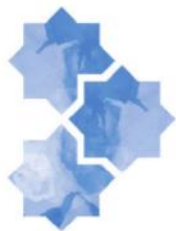
**NEXT ADORATION SERVICES****FOLLOWING 6:00 PM MASS****Monday, February 26 Adoration****Monday, March 3 Adoration****2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

The 2023 stewardship statements for envelope users are now ready to be printed. If you would like a copy of your statement please call the Rectory Office.

**MASS BOOK FOR 2024**

The Mass Book for 2024 is open for your requests. Intentions are being accepted now and throughout the entire year. Anyone who wishes to have Masses said is asked to make their request in writing to the church office. **WE ASK THAT REQUESTS NOT BE CALLED IN OVER THE PHONE.** Deadline for turning in Masses is the **2nd Monday** of the month before the request. Forms to use in making your requests are available on the tables near the doors of the church. You can either drop your requests off at the Rectory office, or if closed, place in the drop box on the right side of the Rectory door. You may also mail your paperwork in.

MASSES	COMMENTATOR	LECTORS	EUCARIST MINISTERS	CUP MINISTERS
Sat. 4:00 p.m. Feb. 24	KAREN DAVID	RISA BOURGEOIS EVELYN MOLAISSON	RODNEY GISCLAIR	ROSHELLE & LLOYD GUIDRY
Sunday 7:00 a.m. Feb. 25	CHERYL DUET	BETH CHERAMIE	BETH CHERAMIE	TONY DUET MELANIE OUGEL
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Feb. 25	PHILLIP BROUSSARD	THERESA & KURT LUWISCH	NANETTE BORDELON	BETTY BOURGEOIS MICHELLE BOURGEOIS
Sunday 11:00 am Feb. 25	VOLUNTEER	ALLIE PLAISANCE AVA PLAISANCE	CAROLYN CHABERT	KRIS HYMEL RODNEY DOUCET



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