

St. Charles Borromeo Church

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

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“There once was a person who had a fig tree.” (Luke 13:6)

The people discussing the news with Jesus in today’s Gospel assumed that the disaster victims must have been greater sinners than everyone else. Tragedy, some of them thought, was God’s way of punishing wickedness. But God is not spiteful. He does not wish evil on us when we offend him. It’s our own sin that cuts us off from him and leads to other sins, many of which bring their own disasters. That’s why Jesus warns his hearers about their need for repentance.

But then Jesus tells a reassuring parable for all of us sinners. A landowner wants to cut down his fig tree because it bears no fruit. The gardener asks for mercy—one more year of careful tending might be exactly what the tree needs. God is like that gardener. He sees the ways we’re not fruitful. He sees our sin more clearly than we do. And he shows us mercy. He cares for us, feeds us, protects us, and cultivates our soil. Like the gardener, he offers us another chance to bear good fruit.

Our heavenly Father is a God of second chances! When our sin separates us from him, he wants nothing more than to draw us back, to free us from its effects, and to give us new life. Every day is a chance to be like a healthy, fruitful fig tree and receive the nourishment he offers. We can receive his grace to restore us when we return to him in repentance. We can let him cultivate the soil of our hearts as he teaches us in Scripture or through our life experiences. And we can come to the altar to be fed by Jesus himself.

So don’t think that God is out to get you if you’ve let him down. He loves you and wants to welcome you back to himself. He will give you the strength you need to return.

*“Lord, you are doing everything you can to bring each person back to yourself, including me!
Help me repent and return to you.”*

The Word Among Us Daily Meditation (March 20, 2022)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon...., 3/21 - 7:30 A.M. MASS - Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Norman, Jean & Mary Hebert

Tues...., 3/22 - 7:30 A.M. Mass - George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Myra Blanchard; Nel Zeringue (DA); Norman, Jean & Mary Hebert

Wed...., 3/23 - 7:30 A.M. Mass - *Feast of Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop:* Bob Licalzi (B); George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Norman, Jean & Mary Hebert; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Roland Knobloch Jr.

Thurs...., 3/24 - 7:30 A.M. Mass - *Feast of Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr:* George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Norman, Jean & Mary Hebert

Fri....., 3/25 - 6:00 P.M. Mass & Way of the Cross: *Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord:* Denis Knobloch Jr. (B); George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Norman, Jean & Mary Hebert; Philip Barrios & Family

Sat...., 3/26 - 4:00 P.M. Mass – *Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Lent:* Arthur Richard & Family; Bourgeois, Boudreaux & Dupuis Families; Burchman & Cecile Hymel; Ces & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charlie Plaisance; Mike & Nita Zeringue; Dolores Plaisance Babin; Monty Boudreaux; Gene Nichols; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Clifton & Emma Lee Babin; Donation & Kate Danos; Dr. Philip Bergeron; Myles Bergeron; Elsie David; Euel J. & Marguerite Zeringue; Eunice, Philip & Joyce Ledet; Milfred Degruise; Frank & Edna Weimer; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise, & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Gerald "T-Shay" Foret; Gordner & Velma Foret; Hazel Uzee; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; Jules Quatrevingt; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Kirby & Ricky Zeringue; Louis & Inez Devillier Family; M/M Alcide Barrios & Family; A.J., Roy & Philip; Marcel & Rose Richard; Philip & Inez Marse; Norman, Jean & Mary Hebert; Parrish Hebert; Philip Ledet III; Ruth, Charlie, & Gerald Brown; Richard Babin; Roland Paul Knobloch Jr.; Rose Mary LeBlanc; Roy & Josephine Foret & Allen; Roy Bourgeois; Sally Thibodaux; Scuddy & Velma Hebert; Betty Ann Hebert; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Susan M. Trahan; T.J. & Nell France; Thomas, Gertie & Diana Zeringue; Willard Chauvin Sr.; William "Bill" Champagne; Billy Champagne; William "Bill" Nezzio; Wilson J. & Gabriella W. Melancon; Ralph Melancon; Barbara Melancon

Sun...., 3/27 - 7:30 A.M. – *Fourth Sunday of Lent:* Angela Wales; Bonnie Mellagon; Leoma Glorioso; Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Carol Trosclair; Carroll Acosta Sr.; Christine A. Tabor; Connie F. Troxler; Doris Besson; Edward Jr. & Rose Comeaux; Jules Quatrevingt; Fred & Ruby Hebert; Lydia Verdun; Freddie Pierce; Harry Becnel; Marguerite Thibodaux; Helen Schexnaydre; Joy Lynn Naquin; Joyce Ann & Bickey Arceneaux; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Kenneth Delcambre Sr.; Linda Kliebert; M/M Benson Plaisance Sr., Benson Jr., & Romy Morvant; Margaret Matherne (DA-3/28); Norman, Jean & Mary Hebert; Phil & Goldie Weimer; Ray Weimer Jr.; Ruby Boudreaux; Verdie Knobloch; Wilbur J. Brown & Ethlyn "Toot" Brown; Joseph A. Touns (100th B)

Sun...., 3/27 - 10:00 A.M. – *Fourth Sunday of Lent:* Calvin Boudreaux Sr.; Candice Dansereau; Carolyn Bourgeois (B); Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Cleveland Foret; Constancio "Camoy" Izaguirre; Cora Lee Smith; Emiliene Bourgeois; Francis Bourgeois Sr. & Family; Davey Breaux; David "Bubby" Robichaux Jr.; David "L.J." Lagarde Jr.; Deceased Members of Whitman & Prejeant Families; Ed & Elsie Orgeron; Elliot Boudreaux; Gerdie F. Babin;

Hamilton Dantin; Jake & Mabel Matherne; Joseph A. Toups (100th B); Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy "Dot" Lagarde; Beverly L. Breau; Stephen Gossen; Ronny Gossen; Betty Lou Babin; Mire Family; Kerry Robichaux; Lorna Ann R. Gaubert (B-3/28); Mae L. Chiasson (B); Mary Ruth Boudreaux; Myra Blanchard; Nolan "Pip" & Toudell Guidry Bourgeois; Richard E. LeBlanc, Jr.

DATES, TIMES, & PLACES

❖ Blessed Sacrament Adoration: 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday – Thursday; 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon on Friday (MFLC)

Mon..., 3/21 - **7:30 A.M.** - Mass (MFLC)
6:00 P.M. - Youth Formation Class for Grades 1st-5th (MFLC)
Tues..., 3/22 - **7:30 A.M.** - Mass (MFLC)
6:00 P.M. - Liturgy Meeting (MFLC)
Wed..., 3/23 - **7:30 A.M.** - Mass (MFLC)
10:00 A.M. - Rosary (MFLC)
Thurs..., 3/24 - **7:30 A.M.** - Mass (MFLC)
Fri..., 3/25 - **6:00 P.M.** - Mass & Way of the Cross (MFLC)
PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Friday 7:30 A.M. Mass during Lent.
Sat/Sun..., 3/26-27 - Catholic Relief Services Collection
Sat..., 3/26 - **4:00 P.M.** - Vigil Mass (MFLC)
Sun..., 3/27 - **7:30 A.M.** - Mass (MFLC)
10:00 A.M. - Mass (MFLC)
Mon..., 3/28 - **6:00 P.M.** - Youth Formation Class for Grades 6th-8th (MFLC)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN MFLC) IN MEMORY OF: (3/18-24)

Velma Hebert; Howard & Ola Pierce

MISSALETES IN MEMORY OF: (3/18-24)

Joy Lynn Naquin

PASSED FROM THIS LIFE SEEKING GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE: (3/10/2022)

Mr. Cleveland Foret

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (March 12-13, 2022)

\$2,601.00	Envelopes
146.00	Loose
<u>210.00</u>	Online Giving
\$2,957.00	Total

Maintenance Collection: \$475.00

Add'l. Ash Wednesday Collection: \$20.00

St. Anthony: \$100.00

Donation: \$500.00

Catholic Relief Services Collection – Reveal Christ’s Love
March 26-27, 2022

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions. Thank you for your support!

2022 ABA UP-DATE

Our goal for 2022 is \$10,800. As of March 16th, we have pledged \$5,449.00. Thus, we have reached 50.45% of our goal.

If you have not yet made your commitment and would still like to do so, there is still time as you can use the QR Code, return your commitment card in the offertory, or simply mail it to the diocese in the provided envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online.

If you would like more information about the 2022 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop’s Appeal Office at 985-850-3122 or email nbernard@htdiocese.org.

You may use the QR Code by opening your camera app on your smart phone. Hold your phone over the QR Code until it recognizes the code. Open the link and simply follow directions to make your donation.



Congratulations to the 2022 Confirmation Candidates:

Arwen Adams; Darrell Andras; Kaitlyn Bates; Aaron Benoit; Ethan Boudreaux; Elijah Boudreaux; Brendan Gaubert; Lorre Ledet; Gabrielle Robichaux; Gavin Sampey; Jolie Schexnaider; Macie Thibodaux; and Owen Weimer.

“Thank You” to all who helped with the Confirmation Celebration:

Bishop Shelton Fabre; Fr. Carl Collins; Fr. Glenn LeCompte; Deacon Brent Bourgeois; Deacon Steve Brunet; Musicians; Mentors: Dawn Breaux; Jane Lyles; Katina Navarre; Melanie Norris; Dionne Robichaux; and Lisa Whitman; Helen Zeringue; Linda Henry, Youth Formation Coordinator; Confirmation Candidates; Sponsors; Parents; and anyone who helped in any way. Everyone’s efforts resulted in a successful and beautiful celebration of the Spirit.

WITNESS/MUSIC NIGHT

Our Witness/Music Night of Praise will be on **Thursday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m. in MFLC.** This is a night of personal testimonies of faith together with music for spiritual meditation. ***Please, SAVE THE DATE (March 31st) and plan to attend this special night of spirituality during the Lenten Season. All are welcome!***

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MONDAY (3/21):	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY (3/22):	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY (3/23):	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY (3/24):	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY (3/25):	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
SATURDAY (3/26):	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
SAT/SUNDAY (3/26-27):	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:

“Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.”
(Psalm 103:8)

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter Flowers are being accepted through April 8th. If you would like to remember a deceased loved one in this special way, please contact the Administration Office.

OUR LENTEN CHARITY – HURRICANE IDA RELIEF FOR LAFOURCHE FAMILIES

Lenten Gifts for Comfort

Our Lenten Charity will be for “Hurricane Ida Relief for Lafourche Families,” while they continue to rebuild their lives after much loss. Catholic Charities will identify those in need and will distribute your donations to those families impacted by Ida. We thank you for your prayers and generous hearts, as we walk with the people to assist them in putting their lives back together. Provided below is a list of immediate care items for your consideration.

Household Items: Standard pillows; Queen sheet set/pillowcases; Full sheet set/pillowcases; Queen bed blankets; Full bed blankets; Twin bed sheets/pillowcases; Twin bed blankets; Place settings (forks, knives, spoons); Dishes (melamine or lightweight) plates, bowls, etc.; pots; pans; drink glasses (non-glass); kitchen utensils; paper plates; plastic utensils; plastic cups; kitchen towels; towel sets (bath, hand, and washcloths); and liquid laundry detergent.

Personal Care Items: Bar soap (individually wrapped); Shampoo; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste; Deodorant (Men & Women); Razors (Men & Women); Feminine pads; and Baby diapers (Newborn, 1,2,3,4, 5).

You may wish to make a monetary donation instead. Checks may be made payable to “St. Charles Borromeo Church.”

You may place your donations in the drum found in MFLC or you may bring them to the Administration Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping our neighbors in need.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Lent is a perfect time to look deep into our hearts in a sense of renewal, realizing the beautiful mystery of God's grace in the Sacrament of Penance (confession). The *"Light is on for You"* will be on **Wednesday, April 6th from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.** in MFLC.

Children's Liturgy Bulletin

Due to the Corona Virus, we were unable to continue to offer the Children's Liturgy Program to the children of our Parish. Now, due to Hurricane Ida, we are faced with limited capacity for various events. Because of these circumstances, we have set up Children's Liturgy on our website for you and your children to learn together about the Catholic Faith. To access this program, go to stcharlesthiodaux.org, then under the title "Youth/Adult Formation" click Children's Liturgy Lessons.

There are two age groups available, each containing lessons and color worksheets pertaining to the Scripture readings for the current weekend. Occasionally, there will be puzzles, stories, activities, and crafts available according to the season. Please take the opportunity to share the teachings of God with your children in helping them to learn and grow in their faith.

KC'S CATFISH & WHITE BEAN DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Catfish & White Bean Dinner on Friday, April 8th at St. Charles Borromeo Church. There will be two serving times: 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. Tickets are \$10.00 a plate. Tickets are available but not necessary. Drive through ONLY! Delivery will be available for 10 or more orders. Your support is appreciated!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Father, forgive them."

Pope Francis shares these words: "If we listen attentively we can imagine him saying further: 'Father, I give you the pain of my sacrifice for their forgiveness. I choose to give my life as an offering to you so that your life may once more be evident in them. Without your mercy, Father, there is no hope for them. But your mercy is freeing, healing and life-giving. Wash them clean in your mercy and love. Set them free to be your adopted sons and daughters once more. As often as they sin and are repentant, let your mercy flow upon them from the blood and water from my pierced side.'"

Jesus chose to forgive them and all who have sinned. He chose not to let the poison of non-forgiveness touch his heart. Instead, he chose to speak a message of mercy from the cross. However, there is a condition, not to his forgiveness but to the sinner, to receive his forgiveness and freedom. That condition is repentance: turning away from the sin and turning back to God. A hardened heart needs to become opened to the grace of God's mercy. Jesus forgave from the cross even before anyone asked, giving them and us the door to mercy. But we must open it. When we forgive as Jesus tells us, we provide the other a similar door of mercy. Whether they open it or not, is not our call. Whether we did what God told us to do, is our decision. *(Taken from Spirit Aflame)*

QUOTE:

“The Lord measures our perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them.” (St. John of the Cross)