

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

so in tribulation is the test of the just.

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Saturday Vigil: **Sunday Masses:** 4:30pm

7:30am and 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays - 3:30pm-4:15pm

Before weekday Masses and other times by **Appointment**

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Add Something During Lent!

When I was growing up, Lent was only about the fasting aspect of my life. What could I give up to fulfill my Lenten obligation? It may have been giving up chocolate, streaming tv shows, and even taking cold

showers. I focused my Lent on giving something up or fasting. This is a good practice, but I believe our Lord calls us to something even greater than this. You may be familiar with the three-fold aspect of Lenten practices- prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Church encourages us to pray more often, fast, and give alms. While we should do this year-round, Lent is an opportunity to refocus our efforts on these areas. We usually only focus on giving something up, but the challenge I have for myself this year is to do something extra to strengthen my faith.

It's good to give something up during the season of Lent. Fasting from something essential to us helps us to trust more in God. I challenge myself to give up something that I know will be difficult for me. If it is something I rely on regularly, then I need to put my trust in God. I hope we can all do the same with our fasting and give up something challenging.

Fasting is a good thing, but adding something on can be helpful too. What could we do during this season of lent to add to our lives? First, allow the three-fold practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to guide you. We've already talked about giving something up or fasting, but what about prayer and almsgiving? Could you add on 20 minutes of prayer in the morning? What about praying a rosary? Even if you pray multiple rosaries a day, would another one benefit you? It's good to give material goods and monetary goods to the poor, but have you ever thought about serving the poor in some way?

Lent is an opportunity to remove things from our lives that keep us from God. However, I would challenge all of us to add something to our lives of faith to help us grow. That can be prayer, giving to the poor, or even serving the poor. Lent is a time for

repentance and renewal in Christ.

Finally, we should remember that we imitate our Lord's forty days in the desert where the devil tempted him. We don't have to go to those extremes, but 40 days of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving is a way we participate in the forty-day fast of our Lord. My challenge to all of us is to make this Lent different and not only give something up but add something on in our lives of faith. We will grow closer to God and walk in His way by doing this.

> In Christ, Fr. Tim

February 27, 2022 VOL. XXXVII NO. 9 Parish Activities Sunday, February 27 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass-7:30am and 10:00am Monday, February 28-Office Closed 7:30am-Mass 8:15am—Foundation for Praying Priest Scriptural Rosary Tuesday, March 1 NO MORNING MASS 6:00pm-Mass/9 Week Divine Mercy Novena Wednesday, March 2—ASH WEDNESDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30am, 12:00noon & 7:00pm-Mass

Thursday, March 3 10:00am-Mass

10:30am-The Bible & The Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, March 4

8:00am-Rosary for Healing

5:30pm-Children's Way of the Cross

6:00pm-Mass/Way of the Cross

Saturday, March 5

7:30am—First Saturday Mass & Anointing of the Sick

4:30pm—Saturday Vigil

Sunday, March 6

Offers

First Sunday of Lent

Mass-7:30am and 10:00am

2nd Collection-Maintenance Fund

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP February 20, 2022

Identified Givers (76) Unidentified Giver Online Giving (113) Total Collection	\$ 2,152.00 764.00 4,007.00 \$ 6,923.00
Building Fund Identified Givers (26) Online Giving (22) Total Collection	\$ 492.00 930.00 \$ 1.422.00

TRAVELING CHALICE- Floyd Gros will receive the Traveling Chalice the weekend of February 26/27 to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Professional Lay Ministry. Call Floyd Gros at 985-252-6506 to reserve your week.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 28 and Tuesday, March 1 in observance of the Mardi Gras Holiday. The office will be closed on Wednesday as usual.

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Monday	1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27	
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31	
Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25	
Friday	Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15	
Saturday	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32	
Sunday	Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13	

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will be burning the week of February 27-March 5 in memory of Eno Theriot by Allie Theriot & Family; Jennifer Gros and Sunny Rae Bourgeois by Uncle Floyd Gros and Harris Mabile, Sr., Deceased Members of Althea & Richard Mabile Family and Annie Mabile by M/M Jessie Ponville, Sr.

9-WEEK DIVINE MERCY NOVENA-Everyone is invited to join us for the 9-week Divine Mercy Novena after the 6:00pm Mass on Tuesday.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE—Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday, Wednesday March 2 at 6:30am, 12noon and 7:00pm.

LENTEN DAILY MASS AND WAY OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Monday-7:30am-Mass/Way of Cross after Mass Tuesday-5:30pm-Way of the Cross 6:00pm—Mass/Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday-7:30am-Mass/Way of the Cross after Mass

Thursday - 9:30am - Way of the Cross 10:00am-Mass

Friday-5:30pm-Children's Way of the Cross 6:00pm-Mass/Way of the Cross after Mass

There will be no morning Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent.

LENTEN RULES AND REGULATIONS—The Lenten Rules and Regulations for fasting during Lent can be found on the tables in the vestibule and also on the SJW website at www.sjworker.org.



LENT IS COMING! Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up

your family's CRS Rice Bowl as you leave Mass this weekend or on Ash Wednesday. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CENTER-Please remember to return your baby bottle with your donation next weekend or drop it off at the Parish Office. The deadline to return your donation is Monday, March 7.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

FIRST EUCHARIST AND FIRST RECONCILIA-TION ORIENTATION— First Eucharist and First Reconciliation Orientation will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00pm in St. Joseph the Worker's Parish Hall. This orientation is for Parents and Students. With joy and excitement, we invite you to join us for a night of fun, prayer and sharing. Let us begin our journey of meeting Jesus in his true presence. Please bring photos of you, your child, and your family members receiving the Sacraments in our Catholic Church. (wedding, baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, etc.)

CONFIRMATION DATE-MONDAY, APRIL 25-7:00PM

FIRST EUCHARIST-SUNDAY, APRIL 24 AT THE 10:00AM MASS

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS-Are you looking for a way to enrich your child/grandchild's Lenten experience? - Help them to grow in their Catholic faith by participating in the inspirational Catholic practice of the Way of the Cross. All children are invited to participate in the Children's Way of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 5:30pm in Church beginning Friday, March 4 followed by Mass at 6:00pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Servants of Christ.

COME ALIVE NIGHT-ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7TH - 12TH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!-Come Alive Night will take place on March 9 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall Meeting room! Bring a Bible and a friend. Our Next Come Alive Night will be April 13 mark your calendars.



SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE-God has used 40 Days for Life to establish a proven track record of saving lives and closing abortion facilities in over 1000 cities in 64 countries. In addition to forty days of

prayer and fasting, St. Joseph the Worker will gather in peaceful prayer on March 11 and March 25 from 9:00am-12:30pm outside of Delta Abortion Facility located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. The group will be leaving after the 7:30am Mass (about 8:00am). Anyone interested in going and wanting to carpool should meet in the front of Church. If you have any questions call Linda O'Neal at 252-6490. Please lift this effort in your prayers and help us spread the word.

SERVANTS OF CHRIST-MARCH 6-PRAISE AND WORSHIP SPONSORED BY "SERVANTS OF CHRIST" - Everyone is invited to join us for Praise and Worship on Sunday, March 6 beginning with the Rosary at 5:00pm in the Church followed by Praise and Worship. All are welcome. Please enter the Church through the side door on the Bayou side.



Monday, February 28 7:30am—Yvonne Breaux Tuesday, March 1 6:00pm—Souls In Purgatory Wednesday, March 2 6:30am—Parishioners

12:00pm-Lloyd Comeaux, Jr. 7:00pm-Frank & Elaine Tramonte

Thursday, March 3

10:00am-Harris Mabile, Sr., Deceased Members of Althea & Richard Mabile Family

Friday, March 4 6:00pm-Al Cedotal Saturday, March 5

7:30am-Yvonne Breaux

4:30pm-Roy LeBlanc, Jr., Calvin Leonard, Jr., Jennifer Gros, Sunny Rae Bourgeois, Jerome "Juby" Acosta, Lou Simoneaux, Chanse Metrejean, Clay Breax, Sr., Debbie B. Landry, Harris Mabile, Sr., Bernie & Eve Hebert, Irvin "Buster" Tipton, Winnie Daigle and Jodi Hurst Daigle
Sunday, March 6

7:30am—Parishioners
10:00am— Dustin Coupel, Velma & Randolph Gaudet, R. J. Gaudet, Florence & Irvy David, JoAnn Landry, Norman & Ethel Diaz, Gladys & Lisa Dupuis, Jean & Noe "Blackie" Fruge, Larkeal Perault, Richard Hebert, Orien Boudreaux and Dalton Landry

ST. ELIZABETH REGISTRATION—Registration for St. Elizabeth School is open and runs through March 10 for current and new students. Tuition assistance is available for current and perspective families who qualify. Scholarship opportunities are available for current public school students. For information on registration or any of these funding programs, visregistration or call the office at (985)369-7402.



Elizabeth Mabile, Buck McCarthy, Dolly and Grady Gaspard, Doris Friloux, Horace Gaspard, Bowen Castro, J. C. Petite, Brenda & Nolbert Templet, D. J. Berthelot, Jaxon Blanchard, Chasely Diez, Edith Settoon,

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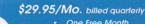
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