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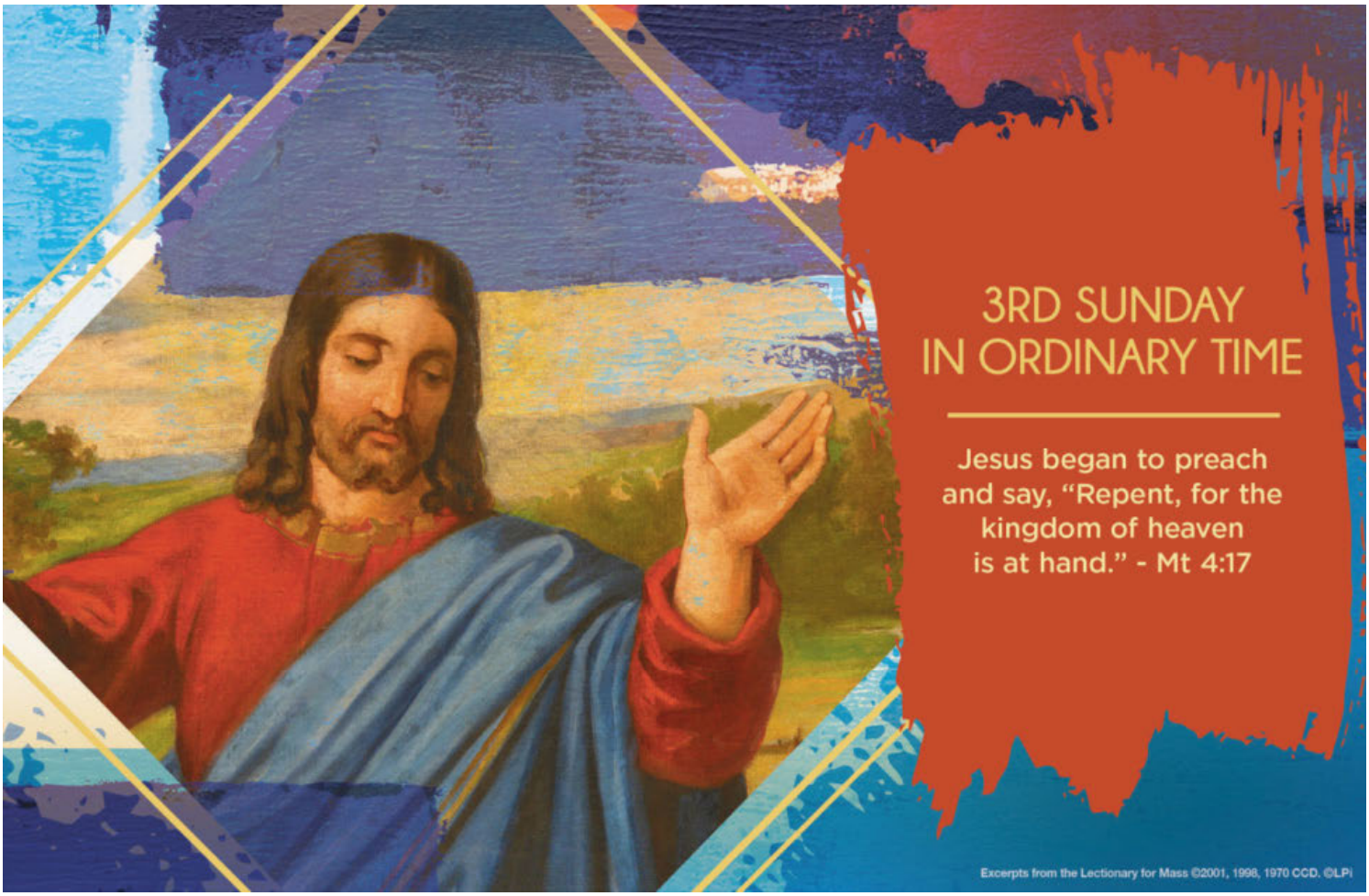

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday:	6:15am Mass
Tuesday:	6:15am Mass
	12:00pm Mass
Wednesday:	6:15am Mass
	12:00pm Mass
Thursday:	6:15am Mass
Friday:	6:15am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:	4:00pm Mass
	6:00pm Spanish Mass
Sunday:	7:30am Mass
	9:30am Mass LIVESTREAM
	11:30am Mass
	6:00pm Mass

OUR MISSION

St. George Catholic Church Parish is an open loving parish community united by our faith in Jesus Christ. Located within the Diocese of Baton Rouge, we are closely bound to our diocesan family and the universal Roman Catholic Church. Our prayerful liturgies are community celebrations shaped by a tradition of over one hundred years of Eucharistic worship on this site. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to use our gifts to express our praise, love, and thanksgiving to God. We challenge and support one another in humbly living the gospel message and serving the common good as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

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Mondays - Thursdays 8:00am-4:00pm | Fridays 8:00am-3 pm
(Closed for lunch | 12:30pm-1:00pm)

St. George Chapel
Monday—Friday, 6:30am—7:00pm for prayer.

Adoration
Thursdays | 7:00am-7:00pm and Saturdays 6am-8:30am in the Chapel

Confessions
Monday - Friday | 6:45am-7:00am
Tuesday - Wednesday | 11:30am-11:50am
Saturday | 2:30pm-3:30pm

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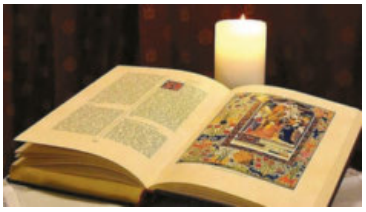
PASTOR'S MESSAGE

January 22, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

I've been privileged to visit the Holy Land three times since my priestly ordination, and I was able to experience the very places where Jesus called forth and taught his disciples, performed miracles, and offered himself as a sacrifice at Calvary. Since that first trip to the Holy Land, the Scriptures come alive for me whenever I reflect on, proclaim or study the Word of God. As I stood on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, I imagined how Jesus called his first disciples to follow him; Peter and others left everything on the seashore and followed him. I marvel time and time again how powerful is the Word of God to evoke in me the same response of Peter and the disciples as I pray with the Scriptures.



The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews wrote, "Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12) The words of Scripture are not mere letters or thoughts but God's spirit and life (cf. Psalm 19). Jesus said to his disciples, "It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (John 6:63) When we read the words of Scripture with openness of heart, we are lifted out of darkness, gloom, and distress. The Psalmist of today's psalm wrote, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?"

Today's psalm can bring us much comfort and assurance when we are filled with doubt. Many psalms in the Book of Psalms resonate with our own life experiences and emotional conditions. Simply praying the Psalms can help dispel the fear we have about our life. Scripture reminds us that God knows every fiber of our being; God has known us even before we were formed in our mother's womb (cf. Psalm 139). God has a plan in mind for each of us, a plan for our welfare and a future of hope (cf. Jeremiah 29:12-14). When we call for Him, seek Him with all our hearts, God will let us find Him and He will transform us.

Was there ever a time when you found scripture to be so life changing?

Let me tell you how Scripture changed one woman's life. During 1972 in Vietnam, a nine-year-old girl named Kim ran outside from her home when she heard the warning signal of bombs falling on her village. As she ran, napalm fire bombs were blanketing the village and all its people. The chemical fire fell upon her and burned her clothes off and severely burned her skin. As she ran down the road to escape the horror of the bombing, a photographer was capturing the emotional anguish of the villagers. The photo of the young girl running naked from the fire became an icon of the conflict, and she became known as the "Napalm Girl." After 14 months in the hospital and after 17 operations, her life was miserable with constant physical pain and headaches. She hated that photograph of her. When she entered college, the Vietnamese authorities constantly forced her to attend press conferences as a propaganda tool of the communist government. She sank deep into despondency from lack of pain pills and lack of compassion from others. With no hope in sight, she thought about ending her tortured life. One day when she was hiding in the school library from government officials, she found a book she had never read and began to read. It was the New Testament of the Holy Bible. In the pages she encountered the Risen Jesus. She said, "Jesus presented himself as the way, the truth, and the life, and I accepted Him as my Lord and Savior." It was through the encounter of the Scriptures that she found answers to her own suffering in a God who suffered himself; thus inspiring her to become Christian. Through the pages of the Holy Bible, she encountered a Savior who truly understood and cared about the depths of her pain. And this Savior taught her how to forgive those whom she blamed for her misery. She said, "My faith in Jesus Christ is what has enabled me to forgive those who had wronged me, no matter how severe those wrongs were."

What keeps us from encountering God's presence, spirit, and life in the Scriptures? Is it busyness, distractions of life, or our misplaced priorities?

A young man named Jerome had a dream while enduring a sickness. In the dream, he appeared before the judgment seat of Christ where Jerome professed to Jesus that he was a Christian. However, Jesus replied that Jerome was more knowledgeable about worldly affairs than Christ and his teachings. Jerome was disturbed by the dream, and he realized that he really didn't know Christ because he didn't know the Scriptures. Jerome dedicated the rest of his life studying and translating the Scriptures from its original languages to the common language of the day so that many people would be able to read the Scriptures. It was St. Jerome who coined the famous term, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Unless we are familiar with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, how he fulfilled all the prophecies of the Old Testament, how he had mercy on others, and how he empowered his disciples, we really do not know Jesus.

As we celebrate the first feast of the Word of God Sunday, established by Pope Francis, let us make an intentional effort to grow closer to the Word of God. Instead of listening to the radio on your commute to work, listen to the Mass readings of the day or download an audio Bible on your phone. I was so touched by all the kids who brought their Bibles to the school mass a couple of days ago to have them blessed. Perhaps a good family routine would be to read and discuss with your children the Gospel of the day. Nourish your mind and heart with inexhaustible riches contained in the living word of God so that you may become a faithful witness of Jesus Christ.

- Fr. Yi

WORSHIPING TOGETHER

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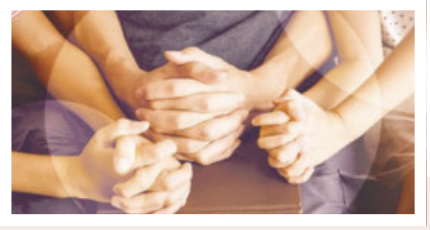

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
9:30am | RCIA Dismissal, Church Mtg Rm
9:30am | Adult Faith Formation, Ch Off Conf Rm

MONDAY, JANUARY 23
6:30pm | RCIA, KAC
7:00pm | Spanish Choir, Church Music Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
5:00pm | RCIA Core Team, Ch Off Conf Rm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25
5:00pm | Rosary Group (Armada), Chapel
6:30pm | Choir, Church
6:30pm | St. Vincent de Paul, KAC
7:00pm | Young Adult Bible Study, KAC

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
7:00am | Adoration, Chapel
6:00pm | Marian Servants, KAC
7-8:30pm | Lord, Teach Me to Pray, KAC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
5:45am | That Man is You, KAC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
6:00am | Adoration, Chapel

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 01/22
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23—9:3
Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

MONDAY, 01/23
St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 9:15, 24-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY, 01/24
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:1-10
Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY, 01/25
Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Mk 16:15-18

THURSDAY, 01/26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12
Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14
Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY, 01/27
St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Heb 10:32-39
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40
Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY, 01/28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Mk 4:35-41

NEXT SUNDAY, 01/29
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

VOCATIONS

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

PAPAL INTENTION

JANUARY: EDUCATORS
We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

4:00pm	7:30am	9:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Fr. Yi	Fr. Yi	Fr. Yi	Fr. Bob	Fr. Bob

Ever Wonder About...

CHASTISEMENT VS. PUNISHMENT

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be … a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.

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ENTERING CANAAN—HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Entering Canaan ministers to women, men, and siblings on their journey to healing from the pain, isolation, and silent suffering of abortion to the freedom of forgiveness, healing, and peace through Christ. Are you or someone you know suffering the loss of a child through abortion? You are not alone. For more information and confidential registration, please contact 225-773-7845 or email EnteringCanaan@diobr.org.

2023 Retreat Dates:
February 4, 2023 (Women's Retreat) | May 13, 2023 (Men's Retreat)
August 12, 2023 (Women's Retreat) | November 4, 2023 (Women's Retreat)

PAROLE PROJECT—PRISON TOUR

The Parole Project, a local organization helping men and women with reentry into the community after incarceration and prison reform advocacy efforts, is partnering with the Frederick Douglas Project in a flagship prison visitation program. This powerful experience offers structured meetings, and respectful conversations between the incarcerated and visitors in the group. These unique encounters form powerful connections, and spur empathy and understanding for both groups as they learn from each other and hopefully transform both of their lives and the society at large.

Visits are held twice monthly on Fridays from Noon-3:30 pm. For more info, please contact Kristel in the St. George Church office. 225-293-2212.

Upcoming visitation is scheduled for 01/27/2023.

Formally launched in 2020, the Frederick Douglass Project for Justice embodies the values and legacy of the great 19th century champion of education through a focus on emancipation, equality, and justice. For more information, check out the link: https://www.douglassproject.org.

KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL #4030

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 6:30 pm** at the Council Hall, located at 10049 Kinglet Drive across from the Youth House.

COFFEE & DONUTS

On **Sunday, Feb. 5th**, the Knights of Columbus will be serving Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses.

If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, or becoming a member, please contact Dave Goldsmith at (225) 287-0889 or dave.w.goldsmith@gmail.com or visit the KoC website: www.kofcc4030.org

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD OPPORTUNITY

Calling all High School seniors to fill out a brief application for the Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) program: Deadline: Jan. 25.
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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

2023 Catholic Coalition Spring Build St. George Date: **Feb. 25th from 7:45 am - 2:30 pm,** Baton Rouge location TBA
(Lunch will be provided by Dragon Hearts.)

Current Assigned Task: Framing - Attic decking, bracing, ratruns, blocking and deadwood; Exterior - Windows, doors and porch post. **20-25 Volunteers Needed** (Teen must be 16+ years old.)
To sign up: Please contact St. George Habitat leader, Bryan Theriot, at btheriot@alliedpwr.com or call Kristel in the church office with any questions.

To financially support this build, **a second collection will be held at all masses March 25th-26th**. Online donations are now accepted at our St. George website; please select the Habitat for Humanity fund.
To donate with a check, please make sure the memo line says Habitat for Humanity.
Thank you!!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women

Please join us for our next Prayer breakfast, **Feb. 11 from 9am - 12pm** at Oak Lodge Conference Center in Baton Rouge. The music ministry of Mercy Beaucoup will lead us in Praise & Worship. Speaker: Frankie DeMelo, artist and mother of seven.

For more information or to register online, go to https://BRMagFeb2023.eventbrite.com or contact Gwen Gillis at 225-505-7050

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MORNING OF REFLECTION IN ZACHARY

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Zachary, La., is hosting and celebrating its 10th Annual Morning of Reflection on **Saturday, Jan. 28th from 8am-Noon.**

This year, the event will feature internationally known mother/daughter team: Judy Landrieu Klein and Kara Klein Oubre. The theme for the event is "What it Means to Say YES to God." Registration is required, but the even tis FREE. For more info: 225-654-5778. To register: www.sjb-ola.org/SayYes,

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Part One Christian Virtues (12 weeks) introduces Ignatian prayer and spirituality by structuring the prayer experience around Christian virtues.

Part One begins Jan. 26th at 7pm in the KAC St. Paul Room. Open to women. Sign up is required and space is limited to maintain a small group experience.

Throughout the Lord Teach Me To Pray (LTMTP) series, the Lord Jesus Christ is the "Teacher." In Ignatian prayer, particularly in the contemplation of the Gospel mysteries, we encounter the Lord Jesus himself and the mysteries that God wants us to enter into, the way that Jesus allows. Throughout the LTMTP series, the Holy Spirit is, in fact, each participant's "Director." The series was developed so that a team of trained facilitators can prayerfully guide a small group by praying during structured weekly sessions. It helps meet the desire for on-going spiritual growth and for a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord through facilitated faith-sharing, where the Lord, himself, teaches us to pray.

Questions or to sign up: Maureen Lavastida: mmlavastida@gmail.com.

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For more information call Karen Fawley at the parish office (225-293-2212) or email her at karenf@st-george.org.

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