

# *Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church*

*est. as a parish: 1891 Church built & dedicated: 1916*



## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 26, 2023**

### **LIFE FROM GOD**

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

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#### Weekend Masses

**Confessions** - Saturday 3:30pm-4:15pm  
Sunday 8:15-8:45am or by appointment

**Saturday**- 4:30 pm Anticipated Mass

**Sunday Masses** 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5 pm

**Confessions** – Sunday 4pm-4:45pm

#### Weekday Masses

Monday Communion Service 6:30am,

Wednesday & Friday-6:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday - 12:05 Noon

### *Sunday Children's Church*

*Suspended for now due to Covid-19*

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Office to schedule

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Call Office for required minimum  
Six Month Preparation

#### Sacrament of Holy Orders or Call to Religious Life

Contact Rev. Michael Caraway,  
Vocation Director 337-527-9964

#### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Any time upon request

### *Parish Trustees*

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### *Parish Pastoral Council*

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];  
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

## DIOCESAN PENANCE NIGHTS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in each Church Parish of the Diocese according to the following schedule:

Parishes in the West Deanery

March 27- 5pm-7pm

Parishes in the South Central Deanery

March 28 - 5pm-7pm

Parishes in the North Central Deanery

March 29 - 5pm-7pm

Parishes in the East Deanery

March 30 - 5pm-7pm

OLHC will have visiting priests, as well as Fr. Keith, available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **March 30th**. Please prayerfully consider allowing time in your schedule for this beautiful, Sacrament of Healing.

## Adoration Fridays of Lent

The binder to sign up for Adoration on the Fridays of Lent is located on the stand near the sanctuary area. Please prayerfully consider spending an hour each Friday in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this Lenten Season. Adoration will begin following the 6:30am Mass and end with Benediction at 6pm followed by the Stations of the Cross.



## **Thank You Deacon Brian Soileau!**

A grateful word of deep appreciation to Deacon Soileau for a wonderful Lenten Parish Mission here at Our Lady Help of Christians last week. His presentation on

Conversion through Eucharistic Adoration, was both enlightening and inspiring. It was so wonderful to see and experience Deacon's love for the Eucharist. May God continue to bless Deacon Soileau as well as the journey to Easter joy for all of us.

## Weekly Collections



**Offertory:** \$ 7,767.20

**Online:** \$ 5,105.00

**Total:** \$ 12,872.20

**Lent Collection \$ 420.00**

**American Bishops Overseas \$992.00**

**Second Collection Next Weekend  
Capital Improvement/Building Fund**

**Thank You for your generosity!!**

## **LENTEN 2,000 CANNED VEGETABLES**

**DRIVE** Catholic Charities of SWLA is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive this year in all of the parishes of the Diocese. Our Lady Help of Christians Church has been asked to collect **2000 cans of vegetables** by the end of March. Collection of these cans of vegetables continues. **We have collected 2,002 cans so far.** **WE DID IT !!!** Thank you so much for being mindful of the poor.



## *Church Cleaning*

**Ladies and Gentlemen,** the Ladies Altar Society will host a "Pre-Easter Church Cleaning" on Monday, April 3rd, at 9am. **ALL ARE WELCOME !!!** Bring your broom, dust cloths, mop and pails and smiles and elbow grease! Please join us!!



## **Jr. High Youth—**

**Come join us for Bingo, Nachos and Prizes this Sunday night after Mass, March 26th in SMC. Good Times, Don't Miss it !!!!**

## **ST CHARLES CENTER**

### **WOMEN'S DEEP RETREAT**

The St Charles Center is sponsoring a Women's DEEP Retreat on May 24-27, 2023. We are accepting applications for those women who are interested in attending this retreat. Deadline for registration is midnight on Monday, May 15, 2023. For more info or to request an application from Dianne Malveaux, Director please email [deemalvo55@aol.com](mailto:deemalvo55@aol.com) or leave a message at 337-540-4483.

## THIS WEEK

Mon	6:00pm	Men's Ultreya Meeting - IC
Tues	10:00am	Rosary recited in Church
Wed	5:00pm	Elementary PREP-OLI Campus
	6:30pm	High School PREP-SMC

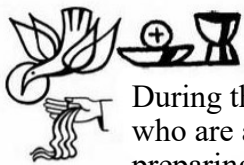
**Finance Council Meeting—this Wed, Mar. 29th  
12 noon Lunch included in SMC.**

**Pastoral Council Meeting—this Fri, Mar 31st  
12noon lunch included in SMC.**



### *Holy Week and Easter*

- ***Palm Sunday - Blessing of Palms and Procession at 4:30pm Mass ONLY***  
—will begin in the Prayer Garden
  - ***Palm Sunday*** - Mass at 9am, 11am and 5pm
  - ***Holy Thursday*** - Mass 7pm—Washing of Feet
  - ***Good Friday - Day of Fasting***  
3pm Neighborhood Stations of Cross  
followed by  
5pm Good Friday Passion and Communion Service
  - ***Saturday, Easter Vigil*** - Mass 8pm with  
Sacraments of Initiation for RCIA
  - ***Easter Sunday*** - Mass 9am and 11am —NO 5pm
- \*Please make plans to join our faith community  
in prayer during the Triduum  
~ Three days, ONE celebration ~  
These are the Highest and Holiest Days of the  
Year for ALL Catholic Christians !!**



### **RCIA CANDIDATES**

During this time, our RCIA Candidates who are already in a valid baptism, are preparing for First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. They continue their journey of conversion, **as we ALL do during Lent**, to Examine our Conscience toward repentance and conversion. Please keep in prayer our RCIA Candidates: **Pamela Jones, Carrie Klein and Derick Landry** as well as their Sponsors.

### *Adult Confirmation Classes*



The Classes are scheduled for **March 26th and April 23rd at 10 am in SMC**. All adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will confirm on May 4, 2023 at OLHC.

**Sign up for Hallow App or Laudete App**

## **“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.”**

Today, we are increasingly faced with death on our televisions and in the newspapers as they present pictures of people dying in famines, in terrorists explosions and in war. But all these are at a certain distance from us and we can develop a hard shell to protect ourselves. What is much more difficult, is to make sense of the death of a loved one, a relation, a friend or someone we know. They leave a deep hole in our lives when they die and are so significant for us that they cry out to live for eternity. We feel they should just transcend death without the suffering or sickness or tragedy.

In today's gospel, Jesus talks about death in close loving relationships. His dear friends, Martha and Mary, inform him about their sick brother Lazarus, whom Jesus loves. At first Jesus seems indifferent and delays going to help but then reassures them that the illness will not end in death. And yet when the disciples are told Lazarus is only sleeping Jesus corrects them and states quite starkly, “Lazarus is dead.” What St. John now shows us in this passage is how a believer can come to a deeper faith in the face of death. Martha is told her brother will rise again and she presumes that this will be on the final day. But then Jesus speaks powerful words, which we often hear at funerals, “I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live.” But even Jesus is moved to tears by the grief of those he loves; “Jesus wept”, and he is also angry at the reality of death in his friend. He then performs the greatest sign of his ministry as he calls Lazarus from the grave; he comes out bound of the bonds of death, Jesus commands them to unbind him, and Lazarus is freed from death.

The raising of Lazarus, like the other signs that we have seen during Lent; the giving of “living water” to the Samaritan woman and sight to the blind man, it all points to the greater reality of the resurrection, which we celebrate at Easter. In baptism we receive the grace of an eternal life that cannot be touched by death as we share in the resurrection of our bodies on the last day. In the Eucharist, the risen Christ is also present among us today, as he was with Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTIZERS FOR OUR NEW COLOR BULLETINS.**

Making its debut Easter Sunday !!! Media resources are very important to Church parish life: the Mass Intentions, Mass schedule for holidays and Holy Days, all the Scripture Readings for the week, reflections on Sunday Scriptures, and the magisterial teaching of the Roman Catholic Church & much more. Thank you for your continued support of our Church and our church family. **Please patronize our advertisers and thank them for their support ! —Fr. Keith**

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).



## Extra Confessions during Lent

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11am—11:45am in Church

Saturdays 3:30pm—4:15pm in Church

Sundays 8am—8:45am in Church

Sundays 4pm—4:45pm in Church

**Lent Penance Night—March 30—5pm—7pm**

OR by Appointment 337-824-0168

or email Fr. Keith to make appointment  
keith.pellerin@lcdiocese.org

## Catholic Home for Lent

### *5th Sunday of Lent*

- Be mindful of the gift of life through death
- Light a candle in memory of a loved one
- Close your eyes and pray for those who have died that Christ' light will dispel all darkness .
- Name two things that are difficult about death
- Name what gives you hope in the resurrection
- Have children talk about the death of a pet or a loved one; then read this weeks Gospel.
- Point out moments in the Mass when we express our beliefs in our resurrection in Christ.
- Plan Scriptures and Music for your funeral.



## *Easter Flowers*

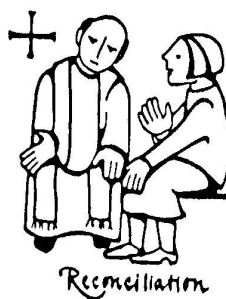
As we journey through this Lenten Season drawing ever nearer to the celebration of the Easter Mysteries, much of our thoughts are of others. A

beautiful way to remember those who have gone before us is to make a donation toward the flowers that will adorn our altar and worship space for the Easter Season. In making a "donation" simply place your offering in an envelope, along with the name or names that you are remembering. The names will be printed in the bulletin, **"IN MEMORY."**

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK FOR **EARL C. MILLER**

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 26– APRIL 2

Sat.	4:30pm	Norman Briggs (5th Ann), Barbara
Sun.	9:00am	Clement, Doris Reedy, James & CJ Miller, Mabel Martin, Rose Mary Devall
	11:00am	Fr. Rodrigue Bouchard
	5:00pm	UNIVERSAL CHURCH
Mon.	6:30am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	12:05pm	Dorothy Pellerin
Wed.	6:30am	Charles Cassidy (42nd Ann)
Thurs.	12:05pm	Robert Patenaude
Fri.	6:30am	Moss & Helen Bahnsen
Sat.	4:30pm	J. Howard & Pie Racca, John Deaville, Ledel "Blackie" Forestier, Skylar McFarlain
Sun.	9:00am	Gloria Ardoin, Elridge Broussard, John Deaville, Jerry Ardoin
	11:00am	UNIVERSAL CHURCH
	5:00pm	Vivian B. Louviere



## The Order of Penance

(formerly the Rite of Penance) is a revision of the first English translation of the 1973 Latin edition. The revision only affects the translation and not the structure of the rites. It's **first use date** is

**Ash Wednesday, Feb 22, 2023, and it's mandatory use date is the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023, after this date no other English translation may be used.**

As a further aid, the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions has a link to a webinar discussing the new rite, with Fr. Andrew Menke, Secretariat for Divine Worship, and Fr. Rob Spaulding, of FDLIC. See the following website: [fdlc.org/2022/07/may-god-grant-you-pardon-and-peace-webinar-on-the-revised-order-of-penance/](https://fdlc.org/2022/07/may-god-grant-you-pardon-and-peace-webinar-on-the-revised-order-of-penance/).

## NEW Act of Contrition Prayer

O my God,  
I am sorry and repent with all my heart  
for all the wrong I have done  
and for the good I have failed to do,  
because by sinning I have offended you,  
who are all good and worthy to be loved  
above all things.

I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid the occasions of sin.

Through the merits of the Passion of our Savior  
Jesus Christ,  
Lord, have mercy.  
Amen.