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MARCH 2, 2025

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## ASH WEDNESDAY Miércoles de Ceniza OLPI

*Please Join Us*  
Wednesday, March 5th

- ◇ Mass at 8:30am
- ◇ Word Service with Distribution of Ashes at 12:00pm
- ◇ Mass at 6:30pm
- ◇ See the full schedule on page 2.



### DAILY MASSES

Monday & Thursday: 8:30 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm (*Followed by Adoration until 7:30 pm*)

Wednesday: Noon (*Adoration 10:00 am until Noon Mass, Followed by the Rosary after Mass*)

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekdays: Monday - Thursday, Beginning 1-hour Prior to Each Mass, in Church or by Appointment

### Prayer Chapel in the Ministry Building

Monday - Thursday from 6:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday from 6:00 am - 12:00 pm

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am

### OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Jude the Apostle Parish is to instill hope in the hearts of all of our brothers and sisters by embracing one another and our diversity with a compassionate and a welcoming spirit, guided by our faith in Jesus Christ and the traditions of our Catholic faith.

### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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If you or a family member are hospitalized and would like to request a visit, please contact the Parish Office at (225) 766-2431.



*The Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Saturday and Sunday  
March 1-2, 2025

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Ministries Fair Thank You!

*("Foire des Ministères Merci!")*



Dear Friends:

As many of you know, we held our annual Stewardship of Ministries Fair this past weekend. Although the weather was pretty dreary and gloomy, things went very well. I wanted to take this opportunity to say a few quick but really important thank-you's. First, to Deacon Billy, our Director of Ministries Development ("*Directeur des Ministères*") for his hard work in planning the event. A **HUGE** thank-you goes to Mrs. Benell Bourland and her decorations crew ("*Krewe de Décorations*") for once again taking our gym and transforming it into an amazing space! To all of our ministries chairpersons and those who helped set up and take down (again, all the while, in pretty bad weather), I cannot thank you enough!

Deacon James, Deacon Billy, our Parish Council and I will soon be reviewing the weekend and defining further areas of parish life in which we need to focus. Thank you again to all of you for coming out and joining us.

Lastly, since Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent are right around the corner, I thought I would mention our Ash Wednesday schedule here. I hope you can join us:



**WEDNESDAY MARCH 5:**

7:30am-8:15am Confessions

8:30am Mass with Distribution of Ashes

10:00am-12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

11:00am-11:45am Confessions

12:00pm Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

5:30pm-6:15pm Confessions

6:30pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Sincerely,

*Fr. Trey*

Fr. Trey Nelson

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This Sunday is our last Sunday in Ordinary Time for a bit. As we enter into Lent on Ash Wednesday this week, it is important to remember what these 40 days are for. We mirror Jesus's 40 days in the desert with these 40 days of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

Often, we associate Lent with sacrificing or giving up something. I had a co-worker who gave up Oreo's and watermelon every year for Lent because he didn't like Oreo's and watermelon wasn't in season then. It's funny to say and gets a laugh from everyone but he did say it in jest every year when I asked what he gave up. But that is really not the spirit of the season. I personally have given up a number of different things each year or I have committed myself to completing a certain task every day each year to sacrifice in a way I normally wouldn't with my time or energy. The important thing to remember is why we are doing these things and what they are ultimately leading up to.

The crucifixion should be in our fore front the next 40 days and ultimately the resurrection. I encourage us all to dive deeper each day of these 40 days into the daily readings and into scripture in general. Pray more fervently each morning and night and commit yourself to a practice during Lent you normally wouldn't do. Maybe that is attending the Stations of the Cross each week or praying a rosary every day or once a week. Whatever that may be for you, live these 40 days in preparation and grow closer to God.

**"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."**

## MINISTRIES

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**Did You Miss the Come, Lord Jesus Spiritual Fitness Event? No Worries - you can still join our "Come, Lord Jesus!" weekly Bible study!**

The Come, Lord Jesus! program presents the Word of God and the teachings of the faith in a context of prayerful reflection within a community of Christian love. Through weekly meetings, prayer, and scriptural study, members are formed into ardent apostolic witnesses and dedicated parish ministers. The program is based on the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. The group reflects upon one reading each week following an easy-to-follow, organized format. Members begin with the Study of the Gospels (Cycles A, B, and C).

Contact Deacon Billy Francioni 225-766-2431 or billyfrancioni@gmail.com

**Ready for the  
St. Jude Fair?**

Fair t-shirts and raffle tickets on sale now in the Parish Office during regular business hours, and after all Masses on the following weekends:

- ◇ March 15-16
- ◇ March 22-23
- ◇ March 29-30

Youth t-shirts \$20 and Adult t-shirts \$25  
 \$1 Raffle Tickets for \$1000 Prize or \$200 Prize  
 \$100 Raffle Tickets for \$10,000 prize (plus a chance for 8 additional cash prizes)

## LOST &amp; FOUND ITEMS IN CHURCH

If you think you've left anything in church, please see any usher before or after any Mass and have them take you to the lost and found closet. There are several children's bookbags.

## WEEKLY LENT SCHEDULE AT ST. JUDE

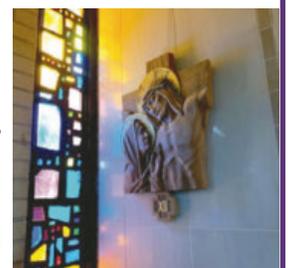
## ST. JUDE MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Drive-Thru or Dine-in Only at the Parish Hall. \$10 per plate includes Fried Catfish or Shrimp with fries, salad, and a roll. No pre-orders. First come, first served until sold out. March 7th at 5pm is the first date, and continues every Friday in Lent except for the Friday of the Fair and Good Friday. Proceeds go to help the Parish in various ways.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us in church each Friday, beginning **March 7th at 5:30pm**, through Friday, April 18th

And on **Wednesdays at 12:30pm**  
 March 12 - April 16th.



## FINANCIAL GIVING

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### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE SPECIAL APPEAL

The Diocese of Baton Rouge will once again support a special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection!

If you feel called to give today, please visit our website for various giving options and payment methods:

<https://www.stjudecatholic.org/financial-giving>



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**Thank You & God Bless !**

### WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JUDE

- ◇ **March 3rd & 4th - Mardi Gras, Parish Office Closed and No Mass**
- ◇ March 5th - Ash Wednesday,
  - Mass at 8:30am
  - Word Service with Ash Distribution 12:00
  - Mass at 6:30pm
- ◇ FRIDAYS DURING LENT, BEGINNING MARCH 7th
  - Fish Fry by the Parish Hall @ 5:00pm
  - Stations of the Cross in Church @ 5:30pm
- ◇ March 9th - 1st Sunday of Lent & Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ◇ March 12th - Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 12:30pm from March 12-April 16th
- ◇ March 15th - Fair Raffle Tickets & T-shirt Sales After All Masses, Each Weekend Leading up to the Fair
- ◇ March 29th - Men's Retreat, Register on our Website <https://www.stjudecatholic.org/mens-retreat>
- ◇ April 4th-6th - St. Jude Fair Weekend

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, March 2**

8:00 am Raye Beck  
 9:30 am Suzette L. Brocato  
 11:00 am For the People

**Monday, March 3 - Mardi Gras, Parish Office Closed**

8:30 am NO MASS

**Tuesday, March 4 - Mardi Gras, Parish Office Closed**

5:30 pm NO MASS

**Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday**

8:30 am Raye Beck  
 12:00 pm **Word Service & Distribution of Ashes**  
 6:30 pm Louis DeAngelo

**Thursday, March 6**

8:30 am Raye Beck

**Friday, March 7 - NO MASS****Saturday, March 8**

4:00 pm Norman J. St. Amant  
 Eric Stephen Smith  
 Eugenio J. Jimenez, Sr.  
 Francesca Jeffers  
 Raye Beck  
 David Jones

**Sunday, March 9**

8:00 am Katherine Juneau  
 9:30 am Gladys Cope  
 11:00 am For the People



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

**SATURDAY 3/1-3/7** Kevin Bowen  
**SATURDAY 3/8-3/14** AVAILABLE

As a reminder, memorial requests for our Sanctuary Candle are available. The Candle Requests offer parishioners to have a candle burning for the week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. If you are interested in a candle memorial, please visit our website (from the homepage select 'Sacraments', then 'Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Memorials', or click here: <https://www.stjudecatholic.org/mass-intentions> You may also call the Parish Office at 225-766-2431.

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45  
**Monday:** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27  
**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
**Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

## IN NEED OF A PRAYER?

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**(225) 766-5276 Mary Altazan**

## JUBILEE YEAR UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

For the Church, Francis our Pope and Michael our Bishop; may the work of the Church as a messenger of God's hope bear good fruit in an unbelieving world, we pray to the Lord...

## CULTURE OF LIFE REFLECTIONS

Pope's March Prayer Intentions:

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## A VOCATION VIEW

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)

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