# Our Lady Queen Of Angels Catholic Church





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#### MASSES

Saturday Anticipated: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:15pm Monday/Friday: 7:00am Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm Holy Day Masses: 7:00am, 12:05pm, 5:15pm

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1pm - 4pm Tuesday ~ Thursday: 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm Friday: Closed

#### CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Confession is available from 2:45pm to 3:45pm on Saturday and 1/2 hour before all Sunday & Weekday Masses.

#### BAPTISMS

Registration for Baptismal Class is to be made at the Parish Office, preferrable before birth of the child.

#### MARRIAGES

Couples are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

#### NEW PARISHIONERS

We ask you to introduce yourselves & to register at the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.

#### PARISH STAFF

Joan Sims, Secretary Paulette Bussey, Bookkeeper Gordon Ryder, Maintenance John Ray Perkins, Maintenance

#### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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#### Dear Padre March 12, 2023

I have done some really terrible things in my life. When I did them, I didn't think anything about them, but now I feel very guilty. Can God really forgive me?

As we Redemptorists like to say, "With God there is plentiful redemption." God's mercy is everlasting and overflowing in its abundance. As we continue in Lent, let's remember that Easter is the sign that God forgave even the great sin of the crucifixion of his only Son. Time and time again throughout the Scriptures, Jesus demonstrates this bountiful mercy. He forgave Zacchaeus, the tax collector. He forgave the woman caught in adultery. He was tender with the Samaritan woman we hear about in today's Gospel. He spent his days living among and forgiving all manner of sinners. He even forgave Peter's great denial. The Church has named a multitude of saints, but note that in 2,000 years it has never declared anyone to be definitively condemned to eternal punishment. There is hope and mercy for all.

No matter how great the sin, God will forgive it. All you have to do is ask for mercy sincerely. All that takes is a repentant heart. From the tone of your message, you are truly sorry. Find a priest with whom you are comfortable and ask him to celebrate with you the sacrament of reconciliation. If you don't know how to go to confession, just ask. The priest will help you. Be at peace..

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
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#### OC CORNER

For your Lenten almsgiving as you attempt to meet the needs of others, won't you consider a gift to the OCS Angel Appeal Drive? What a loving way to help Catholic education and academics at Opelousas Catholic! You may mail your gift to the OCS Advancement Office, 428 E. Prudhomme St., Opelousas or make an online gift at <a href="https://www.OCSvikings.com">www.OCSvikings.com</a>. May God bless you in this season of Lent and always!

OCS takes pride in its "Vikings of the Month of February": Brielle Celestine & Jackson Trahan, 5th grade; Millie Richard & Zane Fontenot, 8th grade; and Olivia Boagni & Kade Bidstrup, 12th grade!

Parents are reminded that third quarter report cards will be posted on Wednesday. The PTO will hold a "Fish Fry" on March 24 ... mark your calendars!

#### **WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY**

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Rev. Lt. JG Rene Pellessier: Monday: Rev. Stephen Pellessier: Tuesday: Rev. Donald Pelous; Wednesday: Rev. Hai Ngoc Pham, SVD: Thursday: Rev. Hahn D. Pham, SJ; Friday: Rev. Daniel Picard; Saturday: Rev. Neil Pettit.

#### HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church, may they find within the Church herself, a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



#### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to

its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are April 21-23. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www. ceelafayette.org or contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at (337)254-8947 or cee.trahan@gmailcom.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Parents of this parish who wish to have their children baptized should contact Deacon Bill Pollingue at the church office at 337-942-5628 to make an appointment.

#### LAST PEWS IN CHURCH

Please kindly remember the last pews in the Church on all sides are for the handicapped. Please be considerate and allow those who are handicapped to sit first. Many thanks.

#### THOUGHTS ON LENT

"In light of your longed-for return, we choose to deny ourselves(fast) certain pleasures for this brief season, but we're not looking to get one thing from you, Jesus—just more of you." Scotty Smith

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial, we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." Pope Francis

#### **LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

#### FRIDAY DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

Every Friday during Lent beginning at 4:30PM, we will recite the Rosary of The Seven Sorrows followed by 5:15PM Mass and the Way of The Cross.

### OUR LADY OF MERCY ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The St. Joseph Altar celebration will be Sat. and Sun. March 18 & 19th in the Church Hall. The TUPA TUPA traditional meal will be served after 11AM Mass on Sunday.

#### **OPELOUSAS PREGNANCY CENTER 1MILE & 5K FUNDRAISER**

The Opelousas Pregnancy Center is looking for volunteers and participants for their 1MILE & 5K Fundraiser on Sat. March 18th. The run begins and ends at South City Park and The GEAUX EXTRA MILE event supports mothers and babies of St. Landry Parish. If you are interested please contact April at ashrp@opelousaspregnancycenter.

#### ST. BERNARD -BREAUX BRIDGE MISSION

The Mission entitled THE HEART OF PRAYER will take place March 14,15,16 from 6-7PM each night.

#### **OUR LADY QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS-VILLE PLATTE MISSION**

A Lenten Mission by Fr. Mitchell Guidry within a Holy Hour of Exposition will be held March 21, 22, 23 at 6:30PM entitled TO LIGHT, LOVE AND LIFE The Spirituality of St. Elizabeth of The Trinity. The Church is located at 1135 Parkview St.

#### **LENTEN FISH DINNERS**

Our Lady of Mercy will once again have their Friday Fish Dinners from 4-7PM each Friday during Lent. Pick up is in the CCD building at 1432 W. Landry St. \$10 per plate. CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-LENTEN MISSION

The Cathedral at 914 St. John St. in Lafayette will host a Lenten Mission by Fr. John Ignatius- Co-Founder of Servants of Christ Jesus, on Mon., Tues., Wed., March 13, 14, 15. Confessions will start at 5PM followed by Mass at 5:30PM and The Mission begins at 6:00PM.

#### REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Deacon Michael Vidrine - Melville

Tré Fontenot - Ville Platte

Michael Darbonne - Washington, LA, who is studying to become a Brother. Extra prayer cards can be found in the back of the Church

St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests, pray for us and all our priests.

#### **VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR MARCH 2023**

Mar. 19-26, 2023 -- Lia Duplechain Mar. 26-April 1, 2023 -- Beth & Ben Adams Thank you for your commitment!



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READERS		
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ALTAR SOCIETY		
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ACTIVITIES		
Sun., March 1210:30 a.m.	Mass - OCIA First Scrutiny	
	Couples Group meets in Rectory	
Mon., March 13	CCD - Church Hall	
Tues., March 14 5:30 p.m.	OCIA – Conference Room	
6:00 p.m.	Catholic Daughters Meet – Church	
Wed., March 15 4:30 p.m.	Pro Life Rosary Continues	
Thurs., March 16 6:00 p.m.	Altar Society Meeting - Church Hall	
Fri., March 17 4:30 p.m.	Rosary of Seven Sorrows	
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#### **PRO LIFE QUOTE**

..9:00 a.m. First Penance

Sat., March 18.

Sun., March 19......

Way of The Cross

OCIA Second Scrutiny

"For too long the pro-life movement has been shouting conclusions rather than establishing facts. Staying focused on the status of the unborn brings moral clarity to the abortion debate" Scott Klusendorf, Author and President of Life Changing Institute

#### GOOD NEWS

The KC's made a generous donation to the Youth Group of \$3,000. to help with their summer retreat expenses. We thank the KC's for their ongoing commitment to the Parish. WE LOVE YOU!

#### **VOCATIONAL CHALICE**

All Vocational Chalice dates have been assigned, and the list was emailed and/or "slow" mailed last week. If you did not receive it, please check your SPAM folder. If it is not there, not in your inbox, or you did not get the "slow" mail, contact the office or Judi Lucito to update your information. If you missed the sign-up weekend and would like to sign up for this cycle, again, please contact the office or Judi Lucito.

#### **CENACLE FOR PRIESTS**

Would you like to become a participating member of your Church, but you feel like you just don't have the time? Please consider joining a "Cenacle for Priests". The Cenacle group meets to pray for priests. It will take about an hour of your day every 6 weeks (the group can meet at your home or another location). You can join a group or start your own. For more information contact Judi Lucito or any Cenacle member. Contact information can be found at your parish office.

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

The Adoration Chapel is open from 7AM - 6PM Monday through Saturday. If you would like to commit to an hour of adoration, please contact Deacon Jerome Collins @ 337-781-7185 or Claire Robichaux @ 337-351-4674.

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**Sun., March 12...... 7:00 a.m.** Taylor Deville, Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux and Families

**8:30 a.m.** Jason Meche (Harmony), Sylvia Morel, Sarah Jarrell, Ida Ann Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney, Angelo & Julia Palazzo

10:30 a.m. Janelle M. Savoie, Leopold A., Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle & Lloyd Smith, M/M Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, M/M E.W. Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux families, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Morgan Adams, Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie, Raymond Couvillion, Dwain Pitre, Sr., James Guglielmo, P. Guillory Family (Special Intention), Herbert W. Soileau, Cecily C. Soileau, Cecile P. LeBlanc, Lennie LeBlanc, Allie Soileau, & Herbert Soileau, Elois Leonard, Gene Boudier, Lester Lalonde, Glenn Dupre, Raymond Couvillion, John G. Fontenot, Mrs. Clayus Stelly (Anniversary of Death), Joseph Stelly (Anniversary of Death)

**5:15 p.m.** John B. Mengarelli, Paul Spell

Mon., March 13..... 7:00 a.m. Edward Martin

**Tues., March 14...... 7:00 a.m.** Nelson Waguespack, Jr., Philip N. Harmon (AlC Class of 1963), J.C. Dupre, Clarence Dupre, Leroy Lafleur, Mary G. Dupre, Essie O. Lafleur, Sandra D. Fuselier James G. Lafleur, Louis H. Higginbotham, Lezime J. Leger, Louise H. Leger, Raymond & Neva Ryder

Wed., March 15...... 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Queen of Angels

Thurs., March 16.... 7:00 a.m. Sylven Soileau, Clayus Stelly (Anniversary of Death)

Fri., March 17 ....... 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Queen of Angels

Sat., March 18........4:00 p.m. Lee M. Andrepont, Norbert J. Auzenne, M/M Felix B. Fontenot, M/M Octave Auzenne, M/M Stanley Abbott, Aubrey Fontenot, Lennie Marks, Merlin Frederick & Jacqueline James, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr., Rene Fontenot, Scotty Artigue, Raleigh Vige, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Nicole Fontenot Perry, Edward Lastrapes, Shirley Lavergne (Anniversary of Death), Gregory Speyrer, Rand Speyrer, Mike Cormier(Anniversary of Death)

**Sun., March 19...... 7:00 a.m.** Taylor Deville, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux and Families, Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer

**8:30 a.m.** Ida Ann Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney, Darmas Daigle, Sylvia Morel, Jackie Bordelon, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Sarah Jarrell, Carrol & Leticia Olivier, & Ward & Ruth Savoie

10:30 a.m. Leopold A., Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle & Lloyd Smith, M/M Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, M/M E.W. Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Janelle M. Savoie, Lynwood Hebert, Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Dwain Pitre, Sr., Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Eunice, Hilton, Paul Prejean, Morgan Adams, Lester Lalonde, Curtis "Black" Soileau, Elois Leonard, Herbert W. Soileau, Cecily C. Soileau, Cecile P. LeBlanc, Lennie LeBlanc, Allie Soileau, & Herbert Soileau, James Guglielmo

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli

#### **NEW TO THE PARISH**

If you are new in the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:

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Phone#
Or come by the office to get acquainted.

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