# 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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### Dear Padre March 19, 2023

#### Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won't you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love.

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR
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OC CORNER

Approaching the Solemnity of St. Joseph and in recognition of our fathers, OCS "Dads" are invited to join in the car drop-off greetings on Monday followed by a special blessing in the school chapel at 8:00 am.

OCS parents are reminded about the "Parent Faith Night" this Wednesday at 6 pm as well as the OCS "Family Picnic" next Sunday (March 26) from 11 am to 1 pm. And all families and friends are asked to support the PTO "Fish Fry" this Friday, serving from the OCS gymnasium between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 which includes 2 filets, fries and a bread roll!

Please remember the 2022-2023 Angel Appeal Drive which would be a beautiful almsgiving for Lent! 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>. Thank you for the blessings!

#### 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. Ben Pitre, STL: Monday: Rev. Connor Poirrier: Tuesday: Rev. Mikel Polson; Wednesday: Rev. Marvin Rasonabe, SVD: Thursday: Rev. Bala Prabhakar; Friday: Rev. Francis Renfroe, SJ; Saturday: Rev. Louis Richard.

#### 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.

#### **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.

"God placed difficult people in your life for a reason: For you to practice what you say you believe. Without obnoxious people, how would you practice patience? Without mean people, how could you develop unconditional love? Without those who needlessly wrong you, how would you master forgiveness? Just a reminder: In ALL things give thanks...."

#### THOUGHTS ON LENT

Examples on Good Stewardship during Lent: 1. Attempt a more intentional prayer life-start a habit in the morning and before bedtime. Embrace periods of silence each day. 2. Read a book on Christian spirituality that can enrich your Lenten journey or consider keeping a Lenten journal so you can reflect on your highs and lows. 3. Attend a weekday Mass. 4. Pray the rosary. 5. Experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 6. Give up meat on Fridays but don't substitute lobster. Make fasting something truly sacrificial. 7. Stop engaging in rumors, gossip and negative chatter that devalues others. 8. Begin and end each week with an email thanking someone for all that they do. 9. Be sure to say grace at any restaurant you frequent; including the Sign of the Cross. 10. Reconcile with someone you've hurt or aren't speaking to.

#### **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.

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.

#### 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. 26-April 1, 2023 -- Beth & Ben Adams Thank you for your commitment!



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Wed., March 22 4:30 p.m.	,	
Fri., March 24 4:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Mass	
Sat March 26	Way of The Cross	

#### PRO LIFE QUOTE

"The right to Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" begins with LIFE, and LIFE begins at contraception" A.E. Samaan, Investigative Historian

#### OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC PTO SELLING TICKETS

The OC PTO will be selling tickets this weekend after Mass for their FISH FRY Fundraiser on Friday March 24th. Please help to support this worthy event.

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND**

Fr. Andrew Killeen will be leading an unbelievable trip to the holy ground of Ireland on June 12-21, 2023. Experience the unmatched beauty and serenity as you weave your way through the counryside. Please contact MAGNIFICAT TRAVEL at 337-291-1933 for more information.

#### **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 NEEDS ADORERS

The Chapel need adorers on Monday mornings from 9-10AM. Please contact Claire Robichaux at 337-351-4674 if you can help to fill this time slot.

#### 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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#### MASSES

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

**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, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Darmas Daigle, Sylvia Morel, Sarah Jarrell, Jackie Bordelon, Carrol & Leticia Olivier, Ward & Ruth Savoie, Willie "Bill" Simien & Agnes Porche

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, Lester Lalonde, Curtis "Black" Soileau, Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux families, Dwain Pitre, Sr., James Guglielmo, Eunice, Hilton, Paul Prejean, Elois, Leonard, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Herbert W. Soileau, Cecily C. Soileau, Cecile P. LeBlanc, Lennie LeBlanc, Allie Soileau, & Herbert Soileau, Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie, Morgan Adams, Mike Cormier(Anniversary of Death)

5:15 p.m. John B. Mengarelli

Mon., March 20 ...... 7:00 a.m. Morgan Adams, & Neva & Raymond Ryder

Tues., March 21 ...... 7:00 a.m. Nelson Waguespack, Jr., Louis H. Higginbotham,

Lezime J. Leger, Louise H. Leger

Wed., March 22 ...... 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Queen of Angels

**Thurs., March 23.... 7:00 a.m.** Sylven Soileau, Beth Marshall, Megan Elizabeth Briley (Birthday)

Fri., March 24 ....... 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Queen of Angels

Sat., March 25........4:00 p.m. Lee M. Andrepont, Lloyd, Marie & Janet Andrus, Varnell, Chip, Rick & Amanda Briggs, John & Sydney Cuccia, Gregory Speyrer, Rand Speyrer, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Norbert J. Auzenne, M/M Felix B. Fontenot, M/M Octave Auzenne, M/M Stanley Abbott, Aubrey Fontenot, Edward Lastrapes, Merlin Frederick & Jacqueline James, Neil Bertinot, Gladys & Anthony Bertinot, Martha & Alphonse Clary, Johnny & Dona Clary, Lebon Simoneaux, Nicole Fontenot Perry, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr., Wilbur & Alice Reed & Wilbur Reed, Jr., Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson, Willie "Bill" Simien & Mary Deville

**Sun., March 26...... 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.** Sylvia Morel, Ida Ann Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney, J.C. Dupre, Clarence Dupre, Leroy Lafleur, Mary G. Dupre, Essie O. Lafleur, Sandra D. Fuselier, James G. Lafleur, Jason Meche (Peace), Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Sarah Jarrell

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, Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux families, Merle Sudzik, Lester Lalonde, Georgia McClain, Janelle Savoie, Lennie Marks, Herbert W. Soileau, Cecily C. Soileau, Cecile P. LeBlanc, Lennie LeBlanc, Allie Soileau, & Herbert Soileau, Mildred & J.D. Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Dwain Pitre, Sr., Morgan Adams, Elois Leonard, Alvin Taylor (Birthday), 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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Or come by the office to get acquainted.

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