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Tuesday 5:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 6:30 A.M.  
Thursday 6:30 A.M.  
Friday 6:30 A.M.  
First Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 8:00 A.M.  
10:00 A.M.  
5:00 P.M.

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

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**MARCH 15**  
**2020**



**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**OF**  
*Lent*

A WOMAN OF SAMARIA  
CAME TO DRAW WATER.  
JESUS SAID TO HER,  
"GIVE ME A DRINK."

- JOHN 4:7

**Sacraments**

**Baptism**

Parents should contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism prior to the birth of the child.

**Matrimony**

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Those who are seriously ill or in danger of death should contact the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick



Today is the Third Sunday of Lent. On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "*Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.*" John 7:37

A thirsty Jesus goes to the same well. He sees the woman and thirsts even more. He also is dry, but he is not empty. He thirsts for the people who need Him. One of his last words from the Cross would be, "I thirst". He was not talking about water. He was speaking about the overwhelming desire within him to bring God's love to the world.

At the well, Jesus simply tells the woman that she will remain dry unless she confronts her past and changes her life. These are the words she needed to hear. She submits to the Love of God. From that moment on she is absolved, transformed. Her thirst is quenched. Now she has a spring of water within her, a reservoir really. She is overflowing with the Love of Jesus the Christ.

She goes into the town. Her joy is on her face. The townspeople experience her peace and want this for themselves. So they go out to the well to meet Jesus. They go to investigate. And they experience God.

With much love and great affection, I remain,

Fr. Jason Mouton

**St. Martin de Tours, Pray for Us!**



**Check Your Calendar**

Mar. 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 19: Feast of St. Joseph/1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring

Mar. 21: Abbey Youth Festival, St. Joseph Seminary College (St. Ben's) in Covington, La.

Mar. 22: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; Angola Bus Trip. Bus departs from St. Edward Church, New Iberia at 6:45a.m. Reservation **MUST** be made by calling Stephanie at 337-261-5545 (Diocese of Lafayette).

**\*Bring a current pictured Louisiana issued driver's license or current ID.**

**\*Name must be on inmate's visiting list, if over 14 years of age.**

**\*Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.**

**\*No shorts, sleeveless shirts or T-Shirt (NO exceptions).**

**\*Ladies – no purses, wallets only.**

**\*No blue jeans. \*This is made possible by the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette and NO fee is charged.**

Mar. 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Mar. 28: Permanent Diaconate Ordinations by Bishop Douglas Deshotel at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette, 10:00a.m.

Mar. 28/29: Presentation by representative of St. Edward's Catholic School in New Iberia at the END of Mass.

Mar. 29: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**The month of April is traditionally, in our Catholic Faith, dedicated to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Eucharist.**

**April comes from the Latin, *aperier*, to open.**

**In the midst of spring, the buds open. Another suggestion is the Greek word *Aphro*, short for Aphrodite, the goddess of love, because in spring human fancy turns to love.**

**April 4: 8:00a.m., First Saturday Mass/  
First Reconciliation of First  
Communicants following Mass.**



April 4/5: Palm Sunday/  
Passion of the Lord  
April 8: Parish Offices  
**CLOSE AT NOON**  
April 9: Parish Office  
**Closed Mass of the  
Lord's Supper 7:00p.m.**

April 10: **Good Friday, 3:00p.m.**  
Word Service/Veneration of the  
Cross. Parish Office Closed

April 11: **Holy Saturday, 8:00p.m. Vigil  
Mass**

April 12: **8 & 10a.m. Masses ONLY/  
EASTER SUNDAY.  
NO 5P.M. EVENING MASS!!!**

**April 13:** Easter Monday, Parish Office  
Closed

**April 13-17: Fr. Mouton – Time Off after Lent  
and Easter Marathon.**

**April 16:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's 93<sup>rd</sup>  
Birthday.

**April 17:** Scott Boudin Festival & Parks  
Cracklin Festival Weekend

**April 18:** Survivors of Violence Mass,  
10:00a.m., Immaculata Chapel  
celebrated by Bishop Douglas  
Deshotel.

**April 19-26: Volunteer Appreciation Week**

**April 22: Administrative Professionals  
Day**—please give Tammy, Dianne,  
and Deacon Boutte' a friendly call  
or note in appreciation.

**April 22-26:** Festival International De Lousiane  
Begins.

**April 30 – May 3:** New Orleans Jazz & Heritage  
Festival.

**May 16:** Armed Forces Day

**May 25:** Memorial Day



## **Pro-Life Corner!**

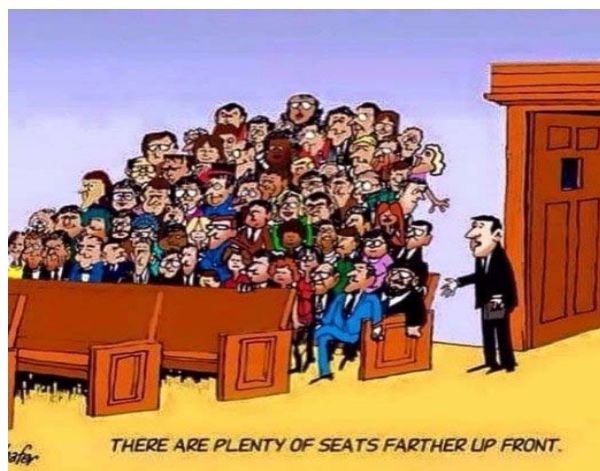
May all who have been wounded by abortion be filled with the hope that does not disappoint; and be healed by Christ; We pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.



## **Marriage Tips!**

Are one or both of you retired? It can be a blessing and a challenge. There's extra time, but perhaps physical limitations are increasing. What do you like most about being retired? What do you like least? You've probably already decided what you are giving up or doing for Lent, but have you thought of how you can observe Lent with your spouse?

## **Church Humor!**



**FOOD FOR  
THE POOR**

**Food for the Poor Appeal**

**Please welcome  
Fr. Tom Boutterrie  
At all masses this weekend!**





## Food for Thought!

"No matter how weak you may think you are, you are never too weak to be used in great ways

by God." Dan Dematte (Holiness Revolution)

"God's power can transform any of us into the best-version-of-ourselves." Dr. Allen Hunt (The Turning Point)

"Holiness isn't measured by our perfection. It is measured by how we love." Lisa Brenninkmeyer (Walking with Purpose)

"Prayer is so much more than just 'saying your prayers.' Prayer is a spiritual adventure." Fr. John Bartunek (A Quiet Place)

"Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ." - Pope Francis

## UPCOMING!



On Palm Sunday immediately following the 10a..m. Mass we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for our little ones ages 2-10 and our parish assistant Tammy Leblanc will be coordinating but, help is needed. To assist her in this project please call to sign-up to begin coordinating this event and, kids, bring your own Easter baskets. More information will be forthcoming.

**PLEASE NOTE**

## Advance Notice!

Every year as a seminarian at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland in the beautiful Catocin Mountains, from 1988 to the present, I have attended the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. then as associate in Kaplan, then Pastor at Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Lafayette and then Pastor of St. Anne in Youngsville, I conducted pilgrimages to overturn this horrendous roe v wade decision. Please consider also thinking about attending next year with me. Details will be provided shortly through a local travel agency. It will be a weeklong pilgrimage with visits to Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md., Baltimore, and (Not confirmed) New York City with a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The tentative dates of next year's pilgrimage is January 20-28/29 with the actual March taking place on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.



Specifics for next year's Holy Land Pilgrimage will be provided soon. Please keep up with the bulletin for dates, costs, departure airport, etc.



## Pope's March Intention

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

# Church Photo Directory



## Pictorial Directory

The last  
pictorial  
directory of  
families and/  
or

individuals for *Eglise St. Martin de Tours* was done way back in 1984; that is, 36 years ago. We have contacted the services of the Life Touch Pictorial Directory Company and specific information will be forthcoming. However, we are able to inform parishioners that there will be four (4) opportunity weeks to schedule a seating for family members to take their photos beginning the third and fourth weeks in May and the first and second weeks of June. Please, consider taking photos so that we can get to know our growing faith community better and put names to faces.



## *Easter Memorial Flowers*

We are now accepting  
donations for the  
**Memorial Easter Flowers.**  
If you would like to  
donate in honor of your  
loved ones please use  
the Envelopes provided  
at all entrances of the  
church



## A Prayer For Our Priests

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf. Fill them with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to greater union with your Son. Increase their faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of St. John Vianney, grant that your priests will be inspired to strive for holiness by the power of his example. As men of prayer, may they ponder your word, follow your will and faithfully lead the flocks you have entrusted to their care.

St. John Vianney, obtain for the Church an abundance of vocations to the holy priesthood. Through your intercession, may many faithful men hear Christ's call, and respond with courage and generosity Mary our Mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones. Intercede for our priests, so that by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. **St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, pray for us!**



## Come & See Weekend

If you are a young man age 16 or older there will be a "come and see" weekend at St. Joseph Seminary College/St. Ben's in Covington, La. Palm Sunday weekend, April 3-5. To register call Fr. Patrick Broussard, Vocation Director, at 261-5690.



## BISHOP DESHOTEL DECLARES "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"

150 Years ago, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph as the Universal Patron of the Church. In light of this anniversary, Bishop Deshotel has established a year of St. Joseph in the Diocese of Lafayette from March 19th of this year until March 19 of 2021. During this year, we as a diocese will meditate on St. Joseph's life, befriend him in prayer, and seek his protection. Be on the lookout for events celebrating this year in your parish, in one of the 13 Church parishes named for St. Joseph, and across the entire diocese.

Year of St. Joseph Kickoff Events  
Join us as we kick off the Year of St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19th, 2020. Bishop Deshotel will celebrate the year's Opening Mass at St.

Joseph in Patterson (1011 First Street, Patterson, LA) at 9:00am on Thursday, March 19th. That same day at 6pm, Bishop Deshotel will celebrate Adoration and Evening Prayer at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette (515 Cathedral St, Lafayette, LA).



### Catholic Daughters of America

The Catholic Daughters will hold their monthly bake sale THIS weekend, March 15th, at 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm. Cakes available while they last.



**BLESSED MOTHER  
STATUE WILL BE  
AT THE HOME OF**

**Judy Scherr  
March 17-23, 2020**



### CHURCH DINNERS

St. Rita Church will sell dinners on Sunday, March 22 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park in Catahoula. The dinners will be deep fried chicken with rice dressing, yams, and corn OR crawfish etouffee' yams, and corn. For your convenience, a drive thru will be available and no tickets are required. For more information, call 394-4030.



### St. Martinville Garden Club

Plant Sale –March 28  
9:00am-12:00noon  
Community Bank Parking Lot

Save Our Tree -The Evangeline Oak  
Tuesday, March 24, 2020- 3:00pm-5:00pm  
Acadian Memorial Building- Free-donations accepted

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Date - Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Altar Server	Mass Intentions
<b>Tuesday</b> Novena Mass <b>5:30pm</b> 3/17/20	Lou Sonnier	Dianne Champagne		Bart Barras (DA); Georgean A. Babin; Ethel G. Oubre & Mark
<b>Daily Mass</b> 3/18-20/20 <b>6:30 AM</b>	Kathleen Durand	Paul deMahy		<b>Wed. 3/18/20</b> Thad Bourque; Dennis, Lucette & Walter Hulin (Dennis BD) <b>Thurs. 3/19/20</b> Adam Paul Champagne (BD) Michael J. Theriot (DA) <b>Fri. 3/20/20</b> Georgean A. Babin; Catherine "Cat" & Harris Champagne (Harris BD)
<b>Saturday</b> 3/21/20 <b>4:00 PM</b>	Donnie Latiolais; Bobbie Theriot	Dianne Champagne	Jayce Latiolais; Luke Durand	Ethel G. Oubre; Ethel & Linda La Marque; Clara Trahan Dwyer & JD Dwyer; Joyce & JP Champagne; Dennis, Lucette & Walter Hulin; Elizabeth A., Toby & Todd Bertrand; Shirley Hulin Delcambre; Georgean A. Babin, M/M Lucier Angelle Family; Jeff & Bart Barras; George Resweber; Michael Anthony Mire & Clifton Mire, Sr.; Beranger D. Theriot; Harold P. Poirier & Family; Sidney Berard (SI) M/M Anicet Berard & Children
<b>Sunday</b> 3/22/20 <b>8:00 AM</b>	Louella Champagne; Gloria Boudreaux	Freddie Foti	Nyles Thibodeaux; Collin & Britten Guidry	Priscilla Hulin; Ava Nicole Douet; John & Rita Douet; Myrtle Girouard & Roy Breaux; AJ "Bon" & Leona Champagne; Hubert & Lorena Hulin; Alta & Mitchell Broussard; Bryan James Poirier; Lezime & Andrew Daspit; Theophile, Maude & Mary Ann Marks; Robert & Fred Daspit; Pat & Marie Myers; AJ "Jay" Melancon, Jr. & Keith
<b>Sunday</b> 3/22/20 <b>10:00 AM</b>	Dianne Champagne; Stephanie Belaire	Henri Bienvenu	Evelyn Douet; Jayden Gerami; Brielle Barras	Enola & Eric Bergeron; Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben; Yvette Romero Cartwright; M/M Alfred Landry; M/M Albert Landry; Russell & Jeanelle Landry; Dominic Broussard & Gaylon Champagne; Hazel Robertson; Pim & Pecko Eastin; Suzette Bienvenu Judice; M/M Desire Delahoussaye & Betty; Special Intention; Ethel Maraist Babin; Marin & Joanna C. Durand; Donna & Gerald Hulin, Stanley & Della Melancon; Garrett Matthew Tabor, Lilly Belle & DeBlanc; Cliff Durand; Lynne Viator Judice (8th DA); Harold G. Bienvenu, Jr.; Harvey Pelafigue; Michael J. Theriot (DA 3/19)
<b>Sunday</b> 3/22/20 <b>5:00 PM</b>	Nikki Dugas; Stephanie Latiolais	Elijah Berard	Logan Landry	Leonice "Cas" Jr. & Cory "Cas" Boudreaux; Howard, Irene & Raymond Duplantis; Wade & Kathryn "Kat" Watkins; Marie & John Sonnier, Sr. & Aunt Loretta

*If a name is not printed above due to human error, be assured God has received the intention in heaven. - Canon law 945. If a daily Mass is cancelled or substituted with a Word Service, Mass intentions MAY be transferred to another Mass.*

## March 15, 2020

The story of the Israelites' grumbling and threatened revolt, and of God's response in our reading from Exodus today, grapples with difficulties of the life of faith. Those who place their lives in the hands of God, as Israel did by following Moses into the desert, may soon face troubling and fearful moments. Sometimes we lose what we think we need, or somehow find it difficult to get what we really need. In our busy lives, it's easy to gradually forget God's presence and action among us.

Moses' prayer to God and God's compassionate response of providing water resolve the situation. Perhaps it was Moses' admirable honesty in his dialogue with God that made a difference. Moses "cried out to the Lord" and he didn't know how God might respond. Honestly expressing our needs in prayer is essential to the life of faith. Waiting in openness to God's response is equally important.

## WATER FOR OTHERS

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, like the passage from Exodus, speaks of tired and thirsty people. Jesus is

tired and thirsty from his journey. The Samaritan woman is not only tired of the difficult chore of obtaining water, but is thirsty for something more. Jesus presents himself as living water for her, able to satisfy a deeper thirst in her heart. Through his patience and compassion, he opens a new wellspring of God's sustenance for her.

How might we, like Jesus, be water for others in our thirsty world? We can take some cues from Jesus here. Jesus crossed boundaries of gender, ethnicity, and religious division. Jesus began in vulnerability, in need of hospitality from a stranger. His was a non-threatening, compassionate presence. Jesus did not begin by speaking about himself or God, but entered into ordinary conversation with her. He first attended to her practical realities and concerns, which led to deeper dialogue. Perhaps we have opportunities to follow Jesus' example.

## The Special Collection NEXT weekend is for Catholic Relief Services.

DEBT  
→ REDUCTION ←

The Second Collection  
THIS weekend is for the  
Reduction of Church Debt



### CANDLES

**Sanctuary Candle:** Lucette, Walter & Dennis Hulin (BD) **Consecration Candles:** Georgean A. Babin; Lawrence J. "Pee Wee" & Lillie Mae "Dottie" Barras & Andrew

## Stewardship of Treasure

Many Thanks for Your Continued Generosity!

<b>General Offertory</b>	<b>3/8/20</b>	<b>\$ 9,493.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget (2019/2020)</b>		<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>\$ + 493.00</b>