

PARISH CALENDAR

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Parish Activities

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Masses - 7:00am, 8:30am, & 10:00am

2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Services

Monday, March 15

5:30pm - Rosary in Church

6:30pm - Live Way of the Cross Practice (Church)

Tuesday, March 16

7:00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 17

7:30am - Mass

12:00noon - Mass

6:00pm - Sisters of Reparation (Church)

6:00pm-8:00pm-Confession(St. Elizabeth/Paincourtville)

Thursday, March 18

6:00pm - Daily Mass

7:00pm - Our Role As Catholic Adults presented by
Annette Tipton (Education Building)

7:00pm - Building & Maintenance (Parish Office)

Friday, March 19

7:30am - Daily Mass

6:00pm - Daily Mass/Way of the Cross

Saturday, March 20

9:00am - 12:00noon - Health Fair

3:45pm - 4:45 - Private Confession

5:00pm - Saturday Vigil

Sunday, March 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses - 7:00am, 8:30am, & 10:00am

2nd Collection - Easter Flowers

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

March 7, 2010

Offertory

Identified Givers (304) \$8,168.00

Unidentified Givers 811.30

Total Collection \$8,979.30

Maintenance Fund

Identified Givers (217) \$3,325.00

Unidentified Givers 291.00

Total Collection \$3,616.00

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WEEKLY READINGS

Monday	Acts 2:14,22-23 Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-2 John 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15
Sunday	Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 John 20:19-31

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will be burning the week of March 14 - 20 in memory of Isley Blanchard by wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 18 AT 7:00PM

Church cleaners for Thursday, March 18 at 7:00pm are Vivian Cavalier, Wendy Hebert, Martha Crochet, Barbara Aucoin, Lynette Landry, and Karen Landry. If you have some free time, these ladies could use some help.

LENTEN DAILY MASS

The Lenten Daily Mass Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday (Novena) and Thursday - 6:00pm

Wednesday - 7:30am and 12:00noon

Friday - 7:30am and 6:00pm (Way of the Cross to follow 6:00pm Mass on Friday)

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY DUES FOR 2010

The Ladies Altar Society is now collecting dues for 2010. The dues are \$5.00 and can be put in the collection marked Ladies Altar Society.

BAPTISM SEMINAR II DATE CHANGED FOR APRIL

The Baptism Seminar II for parents and godparents has been moved to Thursday, March 25 at 7:00pm instead of April 8. **Please note the change and contact whomever you feel this may concern.**

PALMS NEEDED/DID YOUR PALMS SURVIVE THE COLD

We are in need of palms for the Palm Sunday Services. Since we had so many freezes this year, we need to know if your palms survived. Please call the parish office next week to let us know if you have palms. We need to know because if we do not have enough palms, we will have to order some. If you have palms that need to be cut, call the parish office at 252-6008 and we will send someone cut them.

RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENTS Those parents of First Eucharist students who have not attended two adult formation sessions have two final opportunities to do so. Listed here are the last two Adult Formation Sessions being offered.

*On Wednesday, March 17th at 6:00pm in the church the Sisters of Reparation are doing a presentation on **Are You Keeping Your Lenten Promises?** This presentation will last a little over one hour.

*Mrs. Annette Tipton will do the session on **Our Role and Responsibilities as Catholic Adults** (formerly titled The Role and Responsibility of Catholic Parents.) This session is on Thursday, March 18th @ 7:00pm in the Ed. Bldg. These sessions are open to all interested adults.

LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS - Thanks to Mrs. Nancy Rousseau and a group of other parent volunteers we will have our annual Live Way of the Cross on Sunday, March 28th 8:00pm. Students who have not signed up and wish to take part will have a final opportunity to do so at Sunday night class.

ATTENTION PLEASE - BIBLE SCHOOL - Our annual Bible School is scheduled for July 19th - 23rd. Mrs. Tracy Lawes who has been a wonderful coordinator for many years is not able to assist us this year. In order to have Bible School we need an adult coordinator and **ADULT** volunteers on every level. For the past several years we have had problems getting adults to work with the coordinator. We cannot have bible school unless we have an adult in each session at all times. All adult volunteers working with children must meet all of the diocesan child protection requirements. This is easily done. We will guide you through this process. We need to make a final decision in the very near future. If you can commit to helping please let us know immediately. Remember, this is a wonderful summer activity for the children of our parish.



Parents of Fr. Mike Semana, Percy Landry, Edmond Cavalier, Jr., Joyce Cavalier, Bob Johnson, Shawn Cavalier, Vanes Breaux, Beverly Mabile, Ronnie Mabile, Walter Blanchard, Valey Mabile, Anna Alleman, Barbara Cavalier, Nicess Templet, Chase Gaudet, Julia Blanchard, Very Reverend Than VU, Eugenie Mabile, J. C.

Petite, Lennis Leonard, Calvin Blanchard, Lou Anna Pipsair, Eric Hue who is in Iraq again, Glenda Metrejean, Francis Sevin, Georgiana Cox, Melissa Veron, Tricha Planche, Harold & Anna Hebert, Lucille Theriot, Jane Aucoin, Tom Scorsone, Phil LeBlanc, Tessie Cavalier and also for all the sick of our parish not mentioned. If prayer is needed for someone, please call the parish office at 252-6008.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR SALE

The Ladies Altar Society will be selling Religious Articles before and after all Masses. They are located in the Administration Building next to the church. Use the side entrance between the church and the Administration Building. They have many First Communion and Confirmation items. Stop by to take a look at all the nice things available.



Saturday, March 13

5:00pm -Wilson "Butch" St. Germain, Jr., Wilson St. Germain, Sr., Evia & O'Neal Pintado, Joseph John Landry, Geraldine Landry, Chris Boudreaux, Gregoire & Aline Landry, Claude & Rose Blanchard, James "Cook" Landry, Wesley Cavalier & Family, M/M Duvillier Simoneaux & Family, M/M Lawrence Mayet, Arthur & Effie Duplantis, Donald Daigle, Jonas Mabile, M/M Pierre Mabile, Agnes & Paul Landry, Sr., Jackie G. Blanchard, Helen Guillot, M/M Richard Boudreaux, M/M Murphy LeBlanc & Family, Wilbert Blanchard & Family, M/M John Cavalier & Family, M/M Nick LeBlanc & Family, Vivian Gaudet, M/M Armond Breaux & Family, Johnny Acosta, M/M Albert Acosta and M/M Abel Blanchard

Sunday, March 14

7:00am - Parishioners
8:30am -Henry Landry, Hunter Bertrand, Andrew Gros, Sr., Earnie Theriot, Louetta Blanchard, M/M Sammy Landry, Sr., Frances Hebert, Anna Belle Alleman and Odette "Blondie" Landry
10:00am - Ricky Hebert

Tuesday, March 16

6:00pm - Barry Aucoin

Wednesday, March 17

7:30am - Souls In Purgatory

12:00noon - Deceased Priests of St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday, March 18

6:00pm - Lawrence Lambert & Andy Deslattes & Family

Friday, March 19

7:30am - Souls In Purgatory

6:00pm - Parishioners

Saturday, March 20

5:00pm -Whitney Simoneaux, M/M Nick LeBlanc & Family, M/M Leonie Theriot & Family, Joseph John Landry, Geraldine Landry, Chris Boudreaux, Gregoire & Aline Landry, Claude & Rose Blanchard, James"Cook" Landry, Joseph Mabile, Jr. & Family, Anna Mae Landry, Jonas Mabile, Louis & Nelia Breaux, Sr., Agnes & Paul Landry, Sr., Levie & Clifton Blanchard, Sr., Wilbert Blanchard & Family, M/M Murphy LeBlanc & Family and M/M John Cavalier

Sunday, March 21

7:00am - Parishioners

8:30am - Louetta Blanchard and Juanita "Puddy" Gaudet

10:00am - Agnes & Gilbert Domingue, Alphonse Aucoin & Susan LaCosta

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR FR. WAGUESPACK AND ALL PRIESTS

This week the following people have committed to reciting the rosary.

- March 14 - Joyce Guillot
- March 15 - Al & Margie Cedotal
- March 16 - Delta Theriot
- March 17 - Brenda Sedotal
- March 18 - Lucy Blanchard
- March 19 - Beulah LaJaunie
- March 20 - Mabel Tardiff

Call the parish office if you would like to say the rosary in your home for Fr. Waguespack and all priests.

ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR LENTEN PROMISES? SISTERS OF REPARATION TO VISIT SJW

Holiness is a concept few of us may understand or recognize in our daily lives. Often our daily actions can serve as a witness to holiness and we need to be reminded of how to recognize or display these acts. The Sisters of Reparation have agreed to spend an hour with us as they deliver a talk on our call to holiness. All parishioners are asked to consider sacrificing this time as an added commitment to your Lenten penance. **The Sisters will visit on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 6:00pm in St. Joseph the Worker Church.** The evening will begin with a talk on holiness, followed by a blessing with the relic of St. Faustina and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Sisters will have religious items for sale from 5:30pm - 6:00pm and immediately following the presentation. Please take advantage of this opportunity to unite your family in this Lenten Observance.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

If you would like to contribute to the worship environment this Easter, we will be accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones. Please put the Easter Flower envelope in the collection the weekend of March 20/21 with your loved ones name on it. All memorials will be published in the bulletin after Easter.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - FOURTH WEEK OF LENT - THE PRODIGAL SON

The Story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults popularly know as the RCIA is the Church's program for bringing non-Christians and Christians of other denominations into the Roman Catholic Church. This rite actually goes back to the earliest days of our Christian faith. The early Church would bring in new members through a process whereby the candidate would learn about the Christian Faith while growing in their relationship with God and His church. We at St. Joseph the Worker have a dedicated group of parishioners ready to help a candidate make that journey into our faith. The first phase is known as the Period of Inquiry. At this level, the candidate meets with a couple of members to discuss their interest in the Catholic Church. By virtue of your Baptism you are called to evangelize. If you know someone who has expressed interest in the Catholic Church, ask them to call the parish office at 252-6008. They are under no obligation to join the church or even continue in the program.

Yours is
the promised
land



WHO IS

SERVAN

TS OF CHRIST??????

We are a charismatic lay apostle prayer group. We meet every Wednesday at the library at 6:40pm. We have praise and worship at each meeting, discussions, teachings, and pray with each other.

Charismatic because we are open to the gifts and flow of the Holy Spirit in our lives to further our walk in holiness and to further God's kingdom on earth.

Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King is a new movement in the Catholic Church. God is moving to renew us and His church, coming with His Spirit and power to each one of us. He is filling us with His love and light. In Scripture it says you do not put a lamp underneath a basket; you let it shine. This love and light within us spills and flows out to others.

What does a lay apostle look like? Look in the mirror. We are not called from our vocation, but are called to serve exactly where we are, **wherever God has placed us.**

Lay Apostle Guidelines:

We perform our basic obligations as practicing Catholics and follow these spiritual practices as best we can:

Allegiance Prayer and Morning Offering with a prayer for our Holy Father

Eucharistic Adoration, one hour per week

Prayer group participation, praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary when we read the Monthly Message

Monthly Confession

Treat others with patience and kindness following the example of Jesus Christ in Scripture.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

"GIVING IS FREE"

This week, all parishioners will receive material inviting involvement in the Stewardship of Finance phase of our Total Stewardship program. When you open your packet, please take particular note of the enclosed Commitment card. We encourage everyone to engage in private, prayerful conversation regarding financial commitments to God's work through the ministries and programs of our Parish church. Remember that meaningful generosity is meant to embody free acts, neither conditional nor coerced. And, after you've noted your planned commitment, please bring your card with you next week and join in celebrating God's goodness to us in our Stewardship Sunday service.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully," St. Paul wrote in his second letter to the church at Corinth. "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." An eagerness to give is like a willingness to serve. A good attitude is critically important. And, for giving to feel truly 'free,' generous acts must be unadorned by unnecessary expectation; they must feel unconditionally presented. Freely offered, both regular and special gifts must never seem to have been coerced by anyone—no undue pressure applied. Think of God's willingness to send his Son, and ask how you might give freely and generously from his blessings to you.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH AT ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

The Mother Church of the Diocese of Baton Rouge invites its children, parishioners and friends to the Annual celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph, our patron on March 19, 2010. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 12:00noon. The traditional St. Joseph Dinner will be served beginning at 11:30am in the Hall and on the grounds.

SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

Anyone needing service hours can call Mrs. Alrina Ponville at 252-9692. If there is no answer, please leave a message and she will get back with you.



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The blessing of the palms and procession for the 5:00pm Vigil on Saturday, March 27 will begin in the



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Holy Thursday - 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass on Holy Thursday until Midnight

Good Friday

12:00noon - Way of the Cross

12:45pm - Walking Way of the Cross

3:00pm - Veneration

FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY

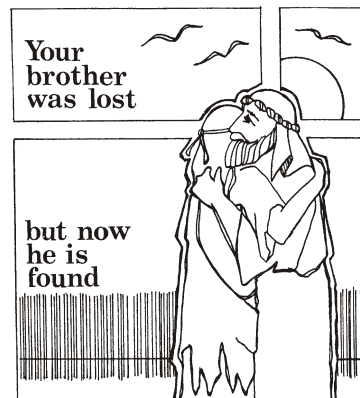
You can make a difference in someone's life by filling a prescription for the needy. You can participate by removing the label from an empty prescription bottle from home and bringing it to church with a donation inside. This bottle can be placed in the Fill a Prescription for the Needy container in the back of church. Empty bottles will be available next to the container. The container should be here next week. Thanks for your support!



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MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue....or have you just stopped talking to each other. Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the March program beginning with a weekend on March 26th - 28th, 2010 call 225-261-1901 or email retro_batonrouge@yahoo.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



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LIFE LINE SCREENING/TESTS THAT CAN SAVE YOUR LIFESTYLE! TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH!

Life Line Screening's mission is to make people aware of an undetected health problem and encourage them to seek follow up care with physician. We are dedicated to providing the highest quality preventive screenings at an affordable rate. Life Line Screening will be coming to our Community on Friday, April 23. Space will be limited.

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