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*First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023*

*"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."*

— Matthew 4:10



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism:

Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony:

Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.:

This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



February 25th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Barbara Williams (RIP) by Altar Society; Deceased Members of the Batiste & Martin Family by Alma Martin

February 26th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

February 28th 6:00PM Barbara Lynn Carron Williams (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family

March 1st 8:00AM Sick & Homebound of Sacred Heart

March 2nd 8:00AM Sandra Fontenot (Happy 61st Birthday-Living) by The Family

March 3rd 6:00PM St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

March 4th 4:30PM "For All Children who were Victims of Abortion" by Langston Adams; Bernard Mouton, Jr. & Berlinda Roy Mouton (Happy 57th Anniversary-Living) by Berlinda Mouton & Family; Barbara Williams (RIP) by Elvira Narcisse

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the "filter" through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechuminate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.



February 18th & February 19th

9:00AM \$2,472.00

4:30PM \$1,462.00

Mail \$1,300.00

Totals \$5,234.00

PARISH MISSION

**SAVE THE DATE
PARISH MISSION/REVIVAL**

March 8-10, 2023 at 6:00pm

"I Will Go Back To My Father" Luke 15:18

Very Rev. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma

Pastor, Holy Family Parish

Galveston/Bolivar

Invite relatives and friends



Abstinence: Catholic from age 14 and above are obligated to abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent including Good Friday.

Fasting: Catholics age 18-59 years are obligated to fast on Good Friday. One full meal is allowed and two other meals should be light.



**Happy 85th Birthday
Ann Walker**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**).

Psalms—Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (**Psalms 51**).

Second Reading—Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (**Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]**).

Gospel—Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (**Matthew 4:1-11**).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholic around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

First Sunday of Lent

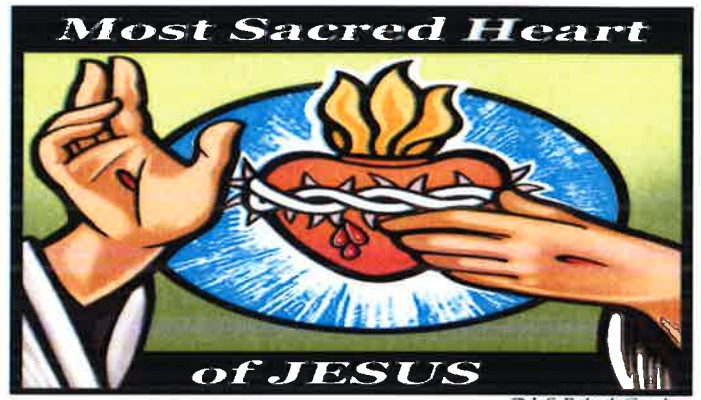
Ashes and gardens, failings and faithfulness, death and life. As we enter into Lent, we are invited to turn our thoughts, hearts, and lives toward God and God's ways, to turn away from the death of sin, which separates us from God, and to embrace the gift of life offered in Christ, now and into eternity. Eve and Adam listened to the serpent rather than God who had given them a garden filled with beauty and abundance. On the contrary, Jesus stood firm in the face of temptation. This Lent, we ponder the choices we make in our daily lives, trust in God's mercy as we repent from sinfulness, and strengthen our commitment to discipleship, following Jesus' model of faithfulness.

TURN AWAY FROM SIN

Lent is a season in which we resolve to turn away from sin and turn toward Jesus. Turning away from sin requires us to admit that we miss the mark and fail to live as God desires. The first Sunday of Lent always includes a gospel account of Jesus facing temptation in the desert. Notice that it is not generic temptation Jesus meets, nor do we. Our temptations are personal, areas of particular weakness, situations in which, like Eve and Adam, we may rationalize and give in to sin rather than holding firm to what we know is right and just. Jesus gives us a model for meeting temptation: draw on the wisdom and truth found in sacred scripture and the teaching tradition of the Church to know what we must do or not do. Be strong and know that the Lord is with you as you resolve to be faithful.

TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." The refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm gives voice to our conviction that God is good and reminds us that we can trust in God's mercy as we face our sin, seek forgiveness, and resolve to avoid sin in the future. The more deeply we grow in relationship with Christ, the more sure of God's love we become. Rooted in this love, we can admit our failings and trust that God always desires to be close to us, drawing us into abundant life. Lent is a good time to seek God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation. We can take heart in the assurance that forgiveness awaits our repentant heart.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

SAVE THE DATE

St. Katharine Drexel

Feast Day Mass Celebration

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 **6pm

St. Theresa Church

1409 6th Street, Orange, TX

Most Reverend David L. Toups

Bishop of Beaumont-Celebrant



The Health and Safety Committee would like to thank all parishioners who wore RED in honor of American Heart Association on February 25-26, 2023.

11th Annual Lenten Walking Pilgrimage

to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Mass Kickoff at 9:00am-3:00pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Park before 8am at Queen of Peace Shrine

800 Ninth Ave., Port Arthur, Texas

Come walk, pray, and immerse yourself in traditions of centuries of the faithful during the Holy Season of Lent. For more information, call 409-724-1456

Knights of Peter Claver Council & Court #32

2023 Annual Friday Lenten Fish Dinner Sale

Knights & Ladies will meet on Sunday, February 26th at 11:00am at the KPC Hall for scheduling personnel for Dinner Sales.

Knights of Peter Claver Council & Court #32

2023 Annual Friday Lenten Fish Dinner Sale

KPC Hall #32-Corner of Grannis Ave. & 10th Street

Menu: (2) Fried fish, Red rice, Green beans, Potato salad & Cake Cost:\$12

**** (To be determined on date or sale) ****

Place your order with any Knight or Lady Auxiliary member or call or text Rodney Broussard@363-3375.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BEREAVEMENT FUND.

Fr. Anthony will bless those celebrating a birthday in February. Next weekend he will bless singles, widow and widowers who lost a spouse in March.

2022 Contribution Statements are available at the Parish Office for your tax purposes.



Easter Lilly or flowers envelopes are available. Please help us defray the cost by giving a generous donation.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ...

Sharon Adams, Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Vincent Fertitta, Sylvia A. Fisk, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsot, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



Meeting

- Parish Council** will meet on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.
- The Altar Society** will meet on Wednesday, March 1st at 5:30pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. If anyone would like to join, please attend the meeting. Please contact Sheresse Conner-Seales @832-704-1092.
- Sr. Ushers** will meet on Sunday March 5th after 9:00am Mass in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.
- KPC Ladies Auxiliary Cartagena Court #32** will meet on Sunday, March 5th at 11:00am at the KPC Hall.

Smoke Turkey Leg Sales Report: We made a profit of \$1,557.16, thanks to all who supported this fund-raise. Thanks to Ellen Jones, Gilbert Green and Jeffery & Angela Zeno for their donations toward the expense of purchasing the turkey legs. Special thanks to the Turkey Leg Committee Crew: Michael Thompson, Damon Wiltz, Darrell Simien, Kenneth Marks, Rodney Broussard, Charles Minard, Larry Green, Alex Carrier, Sidney Lavine, Eldridge Smith and Leo Carmouche.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation available during Stations of the Cross on Friday's
Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 6:00pm followed by Mass.
March 3rd-Stations of the Cross
FRI. 6:00PM
Associate Sister of the Blessed Sacrament

March 4th & March 5th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM Linda LaCour
Delores Yeggins

SUN. 9:00AM Tanya Robertson
Kathrina Martin

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