



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 2, 2008

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our collection for this past weekend was \$6,877.65.
(For 2006-2007 our average weekly expenses were \$7,360.00.)

Christ the King Annual Lenten Revival is scheduled for **March 3, 4, 5** at **7:00 PM** each evening with Deacon Ignatius Joseph. Different Gospel Choirs from the surrounding area will provide music. On Wednesday, the Revival will conclude with Mass.

St. Charles Parish Lenten Mission

Deacon Cody Miller will present our Parish Lenten Mission beginning Monday, March 10th at 7:00 PM in St. Charles Church.

The Mission will continue Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights at 7:00 PM. Themes are:

Monday - Knowledge of the World

Tuesday - Knowledge of Self

Wednesday - Knowledge of Jesus

Thursday - Knowledge of Mary and the Rosary

On Wednesday night there will be a Reconciliation Service.

On Thursday night Mass will be celebrated.

On **Thursday, March 6th, First Friday Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament will be at **7:00 PM**, with Benediction at 7:50 P.M. All are invited to come spend some quiet time in prayer to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

LENTEN RESOURCES

You can find much help for your personal Lenten prayer, for the young people in your family, and for all of our Lenten celebrations at the following website that is sponsored by the Loyola University Press, at the Jesuit University in Chicago.

<http://www.findinggod.org>

Senior Citizens gather at Thensted Center on **Friday, March 7th** at **10:00 A.M.**

Novena of Grace in honor of St. Francis Xavier

On Tuesday, March 4th, we will begin the Novena of Grace in honor of the great Jesuit Missionary Saint Francis Xavier. This is a powerful novena, and many petitions have been answered through the intercession of St. Francis Xavier.

We will pray the Novena Prayers at all Masses beginning March 4th and continuing through March 12th (the anniversary of the canonization of St. Francis Xavier).

Novena pamphlets are in the church, please take one with you if you cannot attend the daily Mass so that you can make the novena prayers at home.

Training for Lectors and Ministers of the Eucharist.

There will be important training for Ministers of the Word and for Ministers of the Eucharist **Saturday, March 8th, in St. Charles Church.**

This training is to bring everyone up to date on the current practices.

Also, candidates for these ministries are invited to attend. If you feel called to either of these ministries please come for training on Saturday, March 8th. Times are:

9:00 AM—Lectors (Ministers of the Word)

1:00 PM—Ministers of the Eucharist

Activities of the Week March 3 - March 9

M	3	4:00 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T	4	6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W	5	Six-steps to Easter Classes at 4:30 and 7:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary at 9:30 AM
TH	6	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
F	7	10:00 AM Seniors gather at Thensted 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Minister Schedule-March 8-9

Vigil -Lector Deborah Alpough & Shirleen Louviere
Communion Jo Burleigh, Mills & Jackie Vautrot
Caro Louviere, Dyanne LeBlanc
Altar Server Nicholas Smith

7:30-Lector Melba Courtney & Joe Landry
Communion Paul & Lolita Henry, Ruby Gardiner
Darrell Burleigh, Melba Courtney
Alter Server Taneshia Cormier

10:30-Lector Naomi Marks & Denise Moore
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Ginger Myers
Nancy Bourque, Andy & Kim Dakin
Altar Server Rose Cutting, Sydney Willingham

Church Cleaners for March 8-9

Karlene & Betty Dugas Agnes Lewis
Bea Guilbeau Anna Lee Boss

REMINDER: During Lent, **Stations of the Cross** are prayed every Friday evening at 7:00 PM concluding with Benediction.

Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed on **Wednesday, March 5th** at **9:30 AM** at the home of Oscar & Neva Marks. All are invited.

Healing Mass, sponsored by St. Francis Regis Church in Arnaudville is scheduled for **Friday, March 7th** at **6:30 P.M.**

Rev. Emmanuel "Manny" Fernandez will celebrate the Mass, followed by Confessions.

The Lenten 2008 Penance Services for the North Region, Diocese of Lafayette

St Leo the Great, Leonville

Tuesday, March 11th 6:00-8:00 PM

Holy Family, Lawtell

Tuesday, March 11th 7:00 PM

St. Charles Borromeo, Grand Coteau

Wednesday, March 12th 7:00 PM

St. Landry Church, Opelousas

Monday, March 17th 6:30 PM

Food for Seniors/Pink Card Commodities Distribution Schedule for Wednesday, March 5th:
Bellevue area (Church Hall) 9:00-10:00 AM
Grand Coteau area (City Hall) 9:30 AM-12:00
Sunset/Cankton area (Sunset Community Center) 1:30-3:00 PM

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, Louisiana is pleased to offer in 2008:

Individually directed retreats—March 13-22 (Holy Week); March 21-April 9.

Christian Yoga—March 7-9. Presenter: Andrea Vidrine. The aim of Christian Yoga is to quiet the mind enough to bask in the awareness of Christ within.

Experiencing Joy-March 28-30. Presenter: Allyson Tomkins. This retreat will focus on helping those participating to live in the joy that comes to us by our salvation. There will be presentations, meditation time and small group sharing.

For an application form, for the retreats listed, please visit our website:

<jesuitspiritualitycenter.org> or call 662-5251.

Seven Mile Community Yard Sale
March 15, 2008

7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hwy. 93 East, Grand Coteau to Arnaudville
Vendors and Artists Welcomed
For more information, contact
Janice Fox at 662-3058

Prayer for Lent: O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst.

St. Charles Parish Lenten Mission

“Inheriting God’s Treasure”

A four-night mission in the heritage of St. Louis de Montfort

Monday-Thursday; March 10, 11,12,13

Night One “Knowledge of the World”

Beware of the World and it’s Illusions

We look at the devastating condition of original sin and the consequences it has on the human family. We use the book of Genesis to illustrate this age-old problem, however God never forgot his people and there is hope offered through the scriptures that someday a Savior would redeem his people.

Night Two: “Knowledge of Self”

Know Yourself As God Knows You

We use the parable of the Prodigal Son to look deeply within our hearts to root out and give to God the hurts we have, and to begin a process of conversion.

Night Three: “Knowledge of Jesus”

The third night of the mission is “Knowledge of Jesus” subtitled: A Jesus you can know and love. We use Scripture and passages from the Imitation of Christ as well as excerpts from True Devotion to Mary to illustrate the love Jesus has for us and how he wishes us to love him in return. After the talk there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during which various needs people from the parish are being prayed for. Priests will be present for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Night Four: “Knowledge of Mary and the Rosary”

The fourth night of the mission is “Knowledge of Mary and the Rosary” subtitled: Tools to keep the flame of Faith Alive. We will use True Devotion to Mary as well as the Pope’s document on the Rosary to encourage the people to have a devotion to Mary and the Rosary. This mission night is within the context of Holy Mass. After the talk the pastor will renew everyone’s Baptismal promises, followed by the recitation of the consecration prayer according to St. Louis de Montfort.