



Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2009

If God is for us, who can be against us?

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$7,449.50.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

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PARISH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

We have been planning to construct a covering over the driveway at the handicap entrance of our church (the door of the north-wing area). This would give protection from rain for the elderly, for funerals, and for emergency vehicles. We plan to make this covering match the architecture of the church, and the final details of the work are now being decided. Our hope is to begin construction before the end of March.

A related project is to enlarge the parking space on the north side of the church. It has become clear that we need more parking around the church. We have already begun to fill in low areas and have set up a one-way flow of traffic through the present, limited parking space. We would like to extend the parking area down towards the cemetery. This will require grading, a crushed rock cover, and a new entrance ramp. This project may take some time to complete, but we would like to move it along as soon as possible.

A conservative estimate for the cost of the two projects is \$25,000. In this Bulletin announcement I appeal to all who would like to make a special contribution for these improvements. In a couple of weeks we will begin a series of second-collections on Sundays to raise funds. If you wish to contribute please designate your offering for the "Improvement Projects".

Thank you for your generosity. I look forward to completing these improvements to our church.

Fr. Jim Lambert, S.J.

Senior Citizens will gather at **Thensted Center** on **Friday, March 13th** at 10:00 A.M.

Daylight Saving Time begins today!

Remember to turn your clocks forward **1** hour. Our Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 14th will be at 5:00 P.M. Sunday Masses remain the same.

The Season of Lent

Church Regulations on Fast & Abstinence

FAST: All Catholics 18 years of age but not yet 59 observe fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted to maintain strength according to one's needs. The eating of solid food between meals is not permitted.

ABSTINENCE: We do not eat meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence is observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Lent is a time for **prayer** and **penance**. The "Works of Mercy" offer us many opportunities to: visit the sick, help the hungry and homeless, comfort the sorrowful, counsel the doubtful, pray for and admonish the sinner, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and dead.

Altar Servers are reminded to pick up a copy of the new schedule on the table at the entrance of the church.

Activities of the Week March 9-15

M 9	4:00 PM Vigil Mass	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Lenten Guided Prayer Meeting
T 10	7:00 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting
W 11		
TH 12	5:45 PM	10:30 Mass
	7:00 PM	Adult Sacrament Class
FR 13	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

Minister Schedule-March 14-15

Vigil -Lector	Ivy Lavergne & Deborah Alpough
Communion	Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Juanita Comeaux Pat Sonnier, Mildred Rubit, Mildred Boast
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith, Morgan & Emily Boone
7:30 -Lector	Joseph Ewell & Cierra Meche
Communion	Pemella Williams, Melbe Courtney, Tommie Miller, Paul & Lolita Henry
Altar Server	Taneshia Cormier & Carlie Pierre
10:30 -Lector	Peggy & Bub Harper
Communion	Deacon Sam Henry, Stephanie Richard Naomi Marks, Andy & Kim Dakin
Altar Server	Beth Arnaud, Travis Santiago, Andrew Smith

Church Cleaners for March 14-15

Bernadelle Thibodeaux Juanita Comeaux
Leola Guilbeau Betsy Douglas Valerie Pyle
Wilbert & Margaret Thomas

Today our parish will participate in the Collection for the **Church in Africa & Eastern Europe**. Bishop Jarrell has added the church in Africa to this collection because of its special needs. Please be generous!

St. Ignatius School in Grand Coteau is currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2009-2010 school year. If interested please contact the school office at 662-3325.

Altar Flowers: We are in the process of making a schedule for 2009. If anyone would like to donate flowers for the altar on Sundays, please call Darrell at the church office. Even if you donated flowers during the last few years and would like to continue, please call and let us know.

Academy of the Sacred Heart Annual Lenten Day of Recollection

The Alumnae Association of the Academy of the Sacred Heart will host a Day of Recollection on **Thursday, March 12, 2009, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** in the Academy Chapel. Fr. Chester Arceneaux will serve as retreat director. For further information call 662-5275.

7 Mile Yard Sale from Grand Coteau to Arnaudville will be held on **Saturday, March 21st** 7 AM-4 PM. Vendors are welcome. For more information, contact Janice Fox @ 662-3058.



LIVING LENT Day by Day

March 9 Monday

Measuring brown sugar takes skill. We must pack it down almost to overflowing to get a good measure. Just so, God wants us to be generous when we measure out a dose of mercy. Today, be merciful to someone who needs our forgiveness and compassion.

March 10 Tuesday

In the spirit of Isaiah (Isaiah 1.10-20) clean out a junk drawer, car trunk, or toy box. While we clean, have a long talk with God concerning how we can clean up our lives.

March 11 Wednesday

"I'm Jesus, and I'll be your server," says today's gospel reading (Mt 20.17-28). We are invited to put on an apron of service as we try to imitate Jesus. Try to put others' needs before our own throughout this day.

March 12 Thursday

Water your houseplants today and pray for the grace of God with your health, your money, your children... whatever is heavy on your heart.

March 13 Friday

Jesus wants to be the cornerstone, the primary building block in our lives. Let us say a Morning Offering prayer — and mean it.

March 14 Saturday

The story of the Prodigal Son (Lk 14.1-3, 11-32) fits in every family's tale. All of us have someone who is a black sheep in the family. Today, try to reconnect with that person. Let him or her know your door is always open.

March 15 Sunday

Every house has a dirty spot (the attic, the garage, the garden). Visit that dirty spot in the house and pray about how Jesus would challenge us to clean up our lives.

Contact Congress by the Internet

Would you like to tell a congressman your wishes for their actions on pro-life issues? Please look at the following internet sites for opportunities to do this.

www.nchla.org (National Committee for a Human Life Amendment)

www.prolifelouisiana.org; www.fightfoca.com

www.bdfund.org (Bioethics Defense Fund);

To send an e-mail to President Obama go to: the American Family Association website at: <https://secure.afa.net/afa/activism/TakeAction.asp?id=342>