



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2008

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure

Our collection for this past weekend was \$8,340.74.

Our Collection for Catholic Relief Services was \$571.43.

(For 2006-2007 our average weekly expenses were \$7,360.00.)

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Joseph "Jo Jo" Sonnier

By: Wife & Children

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.

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.

Daylight Saving Time began today!

Therefore, next Saturday, March 15th our Vigil Mass will be celebrated at **5:00 PM**. All Masses on Sunday remain at the same time.

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

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

If a family or person would like to **bring up** the **offertory gifts**, you are asked to please sign your name at the specific Mass time on the sheets on the table at the entrance of church.

First Communion Parent Meeting

to pick up work books is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room of St. Charles Chapel.

Activities of the Week March 10 - March 16

M	10	4:30 PM Vigil Mass	Choir Practice
		7:00 PM	Parish Mission
T	11	6:00 PM	7:30 Chimes
		7:00 PM	Parish Mission
W	12	Six-steps to Easter	Classes at 4:30 and 7:00 PM
		7:00 PM	Parish Mission & Reconciliation
TH	13	5:45 PM	10:30 Mass
		7:00 PM	Parish Mission & Mass
F	14	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

Minister Schedule-March 15-16

Vigil -Lector Al & Dyanne LeBlanc
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Juanita Comeaux
Caro & Shirleen Louviere, Mary Menard
Altar Server Sydney Willingham

7:30-Lector Cierra Meche & Gwen Miller
Communion Pemella Williams, Warren Norton,
Gary Dubroc, Amy Lowery, Joe Landry
Alter Server Carlie Pierre

10:30-Lector Janice Fox & John Olivier
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Natasha Williams
Angela Boone, Hugh Soileau, Marie Eaglin
Altar Server Josh Fontenot, Hunter Myers, Lauren
Bourque

Church Cleaners for March 15-16

Gloria DeValcourt Karlene Dugas
Kandy Boss Evelyn Meche Velma Boss

Easter Flowers: Flower Envelopes are available in the pews for anyone who would like to contribute to the Flower Fund for Easter. Your contributions are appreciated!

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

Pilgrimage to Alabama. Our Lady Queen of Peace Church is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Birmingham, Cullman, Hanceville & Irondale, Alabama; Thursday, **April 10-Sunday, April 13, 2008.** Pilgrims will visit the EWTN studio, the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of the Angels, Saint Bernard Monastery, and the Ave Maria Grotto. For more information, call 291-1933.

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>.

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” John 11:21;32

Such was Martha’s greeting to Jesus when he arrived at Bethany, a small village approximately four miles southeast of Jerusalem. He receives the same greeting from Mary. Their greetings reveal both faith and doubt, faith that he could have prevented the death of Lazarus and doubt that he could now do anything about it. Jesus understood their doubts. If we do not occasionally doubt our faith, we may not have a faith to doubt. Jesus was teaching Martha and Mary what he would later teach Thomas, “Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe” (John 21:27). Jesus uses this whole episode to teach all of us that we must be good stewards of our faith. When we have doubts, do we let them linger and fester; or do we try to resolve them by seeking the counsel of our clergy, studying the teachings of our Church, or discuss them with a spiritual director or someone we can trust?

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House announces the following Retreats Scheduled:

Mid-Week Retreats for Women

June 30-July 2, 2008

November 3-5, 2008

Weekend Retreats for Women

May 1-4, 2008

September 11-14, 2008

May 8-10, 2008

September 17-8-21, 2008

May 29-June 1, 2008

October 16-19, 2008

August 7-10, 2008

November 13-16, 2008

Married Couples Retreat

June 27-29, 2008

October 24-26, 2008

Personally-Directed Retreat

September 4-7, 2008

For information and to register, call 662-5410.

The 2008 Annual **Come, Lord Jesus Conference** will be held March 15, 2008 in the Festival Ballroom of The Cajundome Convention Center beginning at 8:00 am with Holy Mass of Saturday and ending at 1:00 pm. Seating is limited, early registration is advised. Call 233-6277

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.