

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2009

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$7,116.76.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

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PARISH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

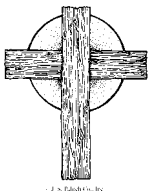
We have been planning to construct a covering over the driveway at the handicap entrance of our church (the door of the north-wing area). This would give protection from rain for the elderly, for funerals, and for emergency vehicles. We plan to make this covering match the architecture of the church, 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 Lam



HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue will hold A Lenten Mission for all of St. Charles Parish Community. Deacon Ignatius Joseph will speak at 7:00 PM on March 30th, 31st and April 1st concluding with Holy Mass on Wednesday.

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.

Activities of the Week March 23-28

M 23	4:00 PM Vigil Mass	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Lenten Guided Prayer Meeting
T 24		
W 25		
TH 26	5:45 PM	10:30 Mass
	7:00 PM	Adult Sacrament Class
FR 27	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

Minister Schedule-March 28-29

Vigil -Lector	Darryl & Kalina Cormier
Communion	Warren Norton, Dyanne LeBlanc, Jo Burleigh, Jackie Savoie, Ada Barry
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith & James Charles
7:30 -Lector	Marc & Renee Taylor
Communion	Deacon Sam Henry, Joe Ewell Meche, Theresa Cormier, Melba Courtney Darrell Burleigh
Altar Server	Taneshia Cormier, Carlie Pierre
10:30 -Lector	Kurt Richard & Lydia Boxie
Communion	Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Janice Fox Janice Kilchrist, Polly Etienne Natasha Williams
Altar Server	Connor Andries, Jacob Pitre Jay Gauthier

Church Cleaners for March 28-29

Kandy Boss Gloria DeValcourt
Larry & Jean Janice
Velma Boss Anna Lee Boss Agnes Lewis

The Lenten 2009 Penance Services North Region, Diocese of Lafayette Holy Family (Lawtell)

Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Mission, March 23 & 24 at 6:00 P.M.

St. Leo the Great (Leonville)

Tuesday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m.
Lenten Retreat, March 28-April 1st at 6:30 P.M.

St. Landry Church (Opelousas) City-Wide

Monday, April 6th at 6:30 P.M.

St. Ignatius School will offer its 19th Annual **Bar-B-Que Plate Lunch *this* Sunday, March 22nd** on the SIS campus. Dinners are \$6.00 and include either 1/2 chicken or a pork steak, as well as rice dressing, coleslaw, baked beans and a roll. Thank you for supporting our parish's Catholic school.

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.

During their spring break students from Villa Duchesne in St. Louis will be visiting in the area. On **Friday, March 27 at 11:30 AM** the choir will sing at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. All are invited. This performance is free and will last about 1 hour.



LIVING LENT Day by Day

March 23 Monday

It's time for a little "new creation" in the backyard. Look for new plants or flowers to remind the house that God is always up to something new.

March 24 Tuesday

Replace or revitalize your doormat and promise to walk into spiritual and physical health. Let us take some action—just like the handicapped man of Bethesda in today's Gospel reading (Jn 5.1-16).

March 25 Wednesday

Today is the Feast of the Annunciation. Look at your planner and your checkbook. We are saying "yes" to whatever we spend our time or money on. Be like Mary and say "yes" to God's will in some new way today.

March 26 Thursday

Say a heartfelt Act of Contrition today. Is money, food, sports, clothes—anything-getting in the way of your discipleship?

March 27 Friday

Jesus took a risk going to the Feast of Tabernacles. What is God daring you to do? Put your hand on the doorknob and walk out into a world that dares you to be Jesus' disciple.

March 28 Saturday

Get out the soup pot and make a batch of good soup. Let the aroma incense our domestic church, our homes. At supper, while eating soup and bread, talk about who Jesus is to you.

March 29 Sunday

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (Jn 12.23 in today's Gospel reading). In which areas of our lives are we in denial? The clock reminds us that we are living these hours of life not just for ourselves but also for Jesus Christ. He is drawing us to himself at this very hour.

Thank you for your generosity! Today's Catholic Relief Services Collection will be able to support disaster and emergency relief, refugee resettlement, advocacy, development, and legal services for people in need all around the world. Together, we will restore hope to Jesus in disguise, who reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer—and in those who respond compassionately to their needs.