



MARCH 19 - Third Sunday of Lent

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S LITURGY—

**Entrance: #475, Offertory: #436,
Communion: #490, Recessional: #122 v. 4**



Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, March 22, 6 pm in the Church. Led this week by our Youth.



ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY: We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Rice bowls are located on the table in the church foyer. Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

FASTING. Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal—and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

ABSTINENCE. All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. In their Penance and Abstinence pastoral, the U.S. Bishops declared: "the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation. . . ." They also stated: "we preserve for our diocese the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice."

PLEASE PRAY for members of our parish, our families and friends who are in need of prayer, especially Betty Adkins, Larry Adkins, Dana Aubin, Paul Aubin, Denise Bell, Judy Berkowitz, Dolores Best, Cheryl Blalock, Sandy Brignac, Otto Browning, Aimee Burrow, Kristen Campbell, Earlyn Carmody, Doris Degenhardt, Ryon Degenhardt, Abbie R. Dupont, Geraldine Dupont, Robyn Dupont, Robert Endris, Jean Ferguson, Peggy Gauthé, Donna Gunter, Peggy Harkins, Connie Haynes, Paul Howrilla, Deanne Hunter, Beverly & George Kehle, Debbie Killebrew, Kirk Ladner, Martha Faye Minninger, Mike Minninger, John Mitchell, Gina Pfau, Inge Reep, Andy Reeves, Neil Rhodes, Charles Rhoten, Mary Schmidt, Paul Stevens, Hazel Strong, Jay Trimm, Lesa Waggener, Catherine Williams, Leon Williams, Robin Morris, Liz King and our loved ones serving in the military.

REMINDER: *Second Collection next Sun, March 26 is for Catholic Relief Services.* Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise.** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS AARON WILLIAMS: Contact Aaron with your prayers and best wishes at his email: awilliams@nds.edu. Our seminarians need and appreciate our continued prayers!



WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH ALTAR TODAY BETWEEN THE MORNING MASSES! *The altar will be blessed and we will enjoy this reminder of our many gifts and blessings! Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and to give alms as part of your Lenten observance. We will also be collecting nonperishable food items and cash donations for Our Daily Bread in Canton.*

Meetings & Events for the Week of March 19-26

Sun, Mar. 19 – St. Joseph Altar, 9:30 am, Parish Hall
Mass (5:00 pm) (intention - †Juan Noriega)
Mon, Mar. 20 - Knights of Columbus Meeting, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Tues, Mar. 21 – Mass, 6:30 am, Chapel (intention – †Rivers McGraw)
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary, 9:30 am, Chapel
Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall
Wed, Mar. 22 – Stations of the Cross, 6 pm, Church
Mass, 6:30 pm, Church (intention – †Dalton Crotwell)
Fri, Mar. 24 – Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Sun, Mar. 26 – Mass, 5:00 pm (intention – †Marina Noriega)

LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE

Seder Supper, Monday, April 3, 6 pm, Parish Hall
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Wednesday, Apr. 5, 5-7pm
Holy Thursday Mass - Thursday, April 13, 6:00 pm
Good Friday Service - Friday, April 14, 6:00 pm
Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 15, 8:00 pm
Easter Masses - Sunday, April 16, 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Please note we will not have a 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday, April 16. Please plan accordingly.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Good Friday, April 14 and Easter Monday, April 17.

PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES: Please remember in your prayers Meg Case, our catechumen; and Marcia Boudreaux, Paul Bunch, Caroline Curro, Julee Fava, Denton Hartlein, Kate Holifield, Skip Holifield, John Lunardini, Joy Lundardini, Allen Phillips, Kelli Phillips, Portia Pride, Melissa Thomas and Stephen Thompson, our candidates, who are in the final stages of preparation to enter in to full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. We pray that God will guide them on their spiritual journey and open their hearts and minds to do his will in all things.



LENTEN FISH FRY: Friday, March 24, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall – Dinner includes fried catfish, French fries, salad, hush puppies and beverage. Desserts will be available for an additional donation. Cost is \$10 a plate; grilled cheese sandwich plates will be available for \$3 a plate.

Weekly Readings

Mon, Mar 20: 2 Sam 7:4-16; Ps 89:1-29; Rom 4:13-22; Matt 1:16-24 or Luke 2:41-51
Tues, Mar 21: Dan 3:25-43; Ps 25:4-9; Matt 18:21-35
Wed, Mar 22: Deut 4:1-9; Ps 147:12-20; Matt 5:17-19
Thu, Mar 23: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-9; Luke 11:14-23
Fri, Mar 24: Hos 14:1-10; Ps 81:6-17; Mark 12:28-34
Sat, Mar 25: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-21; Luke 18:9-14

RELIGIOUS ED & CONFIRMATION CLASSES will not meet today due to Spring Break. Classes for K-Gr. 8 resume March 26. High School resumes April 2.



HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP – will meet Wednesday, March 22, 5-6 pm, Youth Center.
ABBEY YOUTH FEST - Sat, March 25, Covington, LA. The bus departs St. Joseph Catholic School parking lot at 5:30 am.
SOAP FOR HOPE (TOILETRIES) DRIVE: During Lent our Confirmation Class is collecting items to donate to Hope Haven Residential Home (a therapeutic crisis center for teens) as their service project. Please help us fill the caddies! **Deadline for turning in items is Sunday, April 2. Items needed include:** Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Soap, Body Wash, Body Sponge/Loofah, Deodorant, Hairbrushes/Combs, Shaving Cream and Disposable Razors. (Both men's and ladies' items are needed.)

Please keep our Confirmation and First Communion candidates, teachers and parents in your prayers as they prepare for these very important Sacraments. Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, 5 pm; First Communion Mass is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 4 pm.

SCHOOL NEWS

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now accepting applications for **students** for the 2017-2018 school year. You may pick up an application at the school or go online to our website, www.stjoebruins.com, under the Admissions tab. For more information, please contact Kristi Garrard at 601-898-4812.

TEACHERS - Saint Joseph Catholic School fosters a school community rooted in the values of Catholic education. If teaching in a Christ-centered environment is calling you, Saint Joseph is currently accepting applications for faculty positions for the 2017-18 school year. If interested, please email a resume to djones@stjoebruins.com

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL is also seeking the following positions: Director of Mission Advancement; Associate Director for Events. Please email your resume and a letter of interest to: tmiracle@stjoebruins.com No phone calls please.

ASSISI EARLY LEARNING CENTER: Registration for the 2017/18 School Year will be open to area Catholics. Please come by Assisi Early Learning Center (4000 W. Tidewater Lane, Madison) on Wednesday, March 29, 7:00-8:00 am to complete an application form. You must bring a letter from your pastor/Lay Ecclesial Minister stating that you are an active member of that parish. For more info, call (601) 856-9494.

JOB OPENING: The Shelter for Battered Families of Catholic Charities in Jackson currently has an opening for a part-time Crisis Intake Advocate. The Crisis Intake Advocate will provide support to callers experiencing trauma from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional responsibilities include screening all calls received from survivors of violent crimes, assisting callers with safety planning, advocacy, follow-ups, and emergency admissions into the shelter program. Coordination and referrals for assistance are required for the position. Minimum requirements include: a Bachelor of Social Work or a Counseling degree in a related field, current licensure as a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) or Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Mississippi, and at least two years of experience in advocacy and crisis assessment. Interested applicants may send their resume to the attention of Ms. Arteria Puckett, Program Manager, at Catholic Charities, Inc./Shelter for Battered Families 850 East River Place, Jackson, MS 39202 or arteria.puckett@ccjackson.org. EOE.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – Alicia Baladi, Stephanie Brown, Frank Blossman, Jim Caskey, Mike Hepburn, Stephanie Word
FINANCE COUNCIL – Eddie Adkins, Krista Andy, Patrick Beasley, Susan Beebe, Mona Cobb, Whitt Whitten

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, March 19 –
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
(8:15) Denson & Mary Etta Robinson
(10:45) Jeannie Barrier & Karen Worrell
Joe Best & Katrina Blossman
(5:00) Carolyn Callahan & Richard Johnson
LECTORS
(8:15) Judy Strong & Eric Price
(10:45) Norman & Susan Brown
(5:00) Andrew Brown
HOSPITALITY
(8:15) Duane & Felecia Stevens
(10:45) Jeannie Barrier & Eric Schirmer
(5:00) Vice family
USHERS
(8:15) Nick Thomas & Glenn Wilson
(10:45) Jason & Melanie Rice
(5:00) Danny & Carolyn Callahan
ALTAR SERVERS
(8:15) Mackenzie Danaher & Madoc Robertson
(10:45) Dylan Wasson & Meredith Jordan
(5:00) Clayton McCarter & Cameron Miller
VOCATIONS
(8:15) David & Lissa Ruhl
(10:45) Frederick & Teka Day

Sunday, March 26 –
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
(8:15) Larry & Vicki Moorehead
(10:45) Andrew & Stephanie Brown
Charlie & Kay Campbell
(5:00) Susan Beebe & Traci Grubb
LECTORS
(8:15) David Wright & Denson Robinson
(10:45) Katie Hair & Cathy Hepburn
(5:00) Mona Cobb
HOSPITALITY
(8:15) Dustin & Amy Pittman
(10:45) John & Kaye Kassel
(5:00) Adkins family
USHERS
(8:15) David Danaher & Ned Darbonne
(10:45) John & Lucy Taylor
(5:00) David & Mona Cobb
ALTAR SERVERS
(8:15) Ben Crout & Amelia Rabalais
(10:45) Jake Worrell & Sam Rice
(5:00) Emma Adkins & Clayton McCarter
VOCATIONS
(8:15) to be announced
(10:45) Chad & Kelly Hirn

Collection Report

Week of March 12, 2017

General: \$9973.00 Building: \$135.00 MS Catholic: \$20.00
Aged & Infirm Priests: \$5.00 Catholic Relief Services: \$5.00
Black & Indian Missions: \$15.00 Holy Land: \$10.00
Catholic Home Missions: \$10.00