



**March 10, 2019 –
1st Sunday of Lent**

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S LITURGY-

**Entrance: #127, Offertory: #658
Communion: #336, Recessional: #125**



*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
-- Romans 10:8*

2nd COLLECTION TODAY: Black & Indian Missions - The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Please be generous!

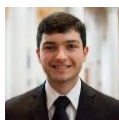
CRS RICE BOWL is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During the next 40 days, we will encounter the stories of people around the world where CRS is at work. Please remember to pick up a Rice Bowl available in the back of the church so that your family can participate in giving hope to those worldwide most in need.

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION - As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



LOOKING AHEAD - SAINT JOSEPH ALTAR – NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – BETWEEN THE MORNING MASSES IN THE CHURCH FOYER! *The Ladies Auxiliary will be working to set up the altar on Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 am. (Please bring fresh flowers to the church on Saturday morning 9-10 am.)*

PLEASE PRAY for members of our parish, our families and friends who are in need of prayer, especially Paul Aubin, Finn Blaylock, Catherine Bratton, Sandy Brignac, Earlyn Carmody, Bryan J. Coate, Doris Degenhardt, Donna Dennery, Abbie R. Dupont, Geraldine Dupont, Robyn Dupont, Earlene Fletes, Beth Gaston, Preston Gough, Bill Heller, Patsy Hubert, Teresa Jefcoat, Beverly Kehle, Nicole McDonald, Martha Faye Minninger, Mike Minninger, Robin Morris, Wayne O'Bannon, Nina Price, Dan Riesenbeck, June Schmidt, Olivia Scott, Hazel Strong, Linda Sullivan, Dave Waguespack, Bill Waltman, Preston Williams, Sheila Yeck, Norma Black, Asher Ammons, Lisa Ladner, William Kirksey, Perry Waggener, Richard Macksoud, Dave Doggette, Kenny Webb, Barbara Wells Crews, Sam Roth, Angela Robinson, Laurie Dunford, Gene McKinney **and our loved ones serving in the military.**



OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS TRISTAN STOVALL: Contact Tristan with your prayers and best wishes at his email: tstovall@sjasc.edu. Our seminarians need and appreciate our continued prayers!

JESUS, COFFEE AND YOGA - chair yoga and meditation from 9:00 to 10:30 on Saturdays during Lent (ends Saturday, April 13.) We will be using Lenten Devotions from St. Teresa of Calcutta. No charge for this event. Join us for the fellowship, the yoga stretching and the devotion to our Lord during Lent. If you have any questions please contact Teresa Speer at 769-233-1989. And every Tuesday at 6 pm we continue with Gentle Yoga and Lectio Divina.

Weekly Readings

Mo, Mar 11: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Matt 25:31-46
Tu, Mar 12: Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Matt 6:7-15
We, Mar 13: Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32
Th, Mar 14: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Matt 7:7-12
Fr, Mar 15: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Matt 16:13-19
Sa, Mar 16: Deut 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matt 5:43-48

Meetings & Events for the Week of Mar 10 – Mar 17

Sun, Mar 10 2nd Collection – Black & Indian Missions
No Religious Ed (K-Gr.12), Spring Break
No Adult Faith Formation
5:00 pm Mass int - †Jimmy Justice
No RCIA
Mon, Mar 11 KC Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 6:00 pm, Heritage Hall
Tues, Mar 12 Communion Service, 6:30 am, Chapel
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary, 9:15 am, Chapel
Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall
Yoga Class Tonight, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall
Wed, Mar 13 Stations of the Cross, 6 pm, led by our KC's
Mass, following Stations of the Cross
Adult Faith Formation, 6:30 pm, Heritage Hall
Sat, Mar 16 Jesus, Coffee & Yoga, 9:00 am, Parish Hall
Sun, Mar 17 No Religious Ed (K-Gr.12), Spring Break
No Adult Faith Formation
5:00 pm Mass int - †Marie Spurk
No RCIA

Important Lenten Dates

Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays, 6pm – March 13 – KC's
March 20 – Choir
March 27 – KCLA
April 3 – Youth
Sacrament of Reconciliation – Wed, April 10, 5-7:00 pm
KC Lenten dinners – Friday, March 22 – fish fry
Friday, March 29 – shrimp etoufee
Friday, April 5 – shrimp poboy
Jesus, Coffee & Yoga – Saturdays during Lent, continues
Sat, March 16, 9:00 am, Parish Hall

YOUTH NEWS

No Religious Ed or Confirmation Classes today or next Sunday, March 17 – Spring Break
No Wednesday Group this Wed, March 13 – Spring Break
Respect Life – Our Wednesday Faith team is currently working on putting together our 2019 Respect Life Video. Come share your gifts and talents with us Wednesday nights!!
Stations of the Cross led by our Youth, Wed, April 3, 6 pm

PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Please see the insert in today's bulletin for Pastoral Council and Finance Council nominees. Elections will be Sunday, March 24. Please prayerfully consider your vote for those you would like to lead our Parish over the next 2 years.

LENTEN GIFT – St. Joseph Catholic Church purchased "Into His Likeness" by Dr. Edward Sri for our parishioners for Lent. In *Into His Likeness*, Dr. Edward Sri provides an approachable but in-depth exploration of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. *Into His Likeness* is a down-to-earth and tremendously valuable handbook for anyone wishing to pursue Christ wholeheartedly. The books are on the tables in the church foyer. **Please take one copy per family.** (We will let you know if extra copies are available.) Also, please see the basket on the center table in the foyer for miscellaneous Lenten material.

JOIN OUR TEAM - The 7th annual **Run Up for Downs** event will be **Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 5:30 pm** at the **Madison Healthplex**. Join the St. Joseph Catholic Church team to support The Lily Pad Café in training & employing young adults with special needs & equipping them with the tools necessary to obtain employment in the community. This event kicks off with a kids Fun Run followed by a 5K run/walk and a 0.0 run, live music, food, kids zone, and silent auction. If you don't want to run/walk but want to get the shirt, swag bag, eat some great food and listen to fabulous music, purchase the 0.0 race option for \$25. Food Row wrist bands also available. **Register at <https://runupfordowns.com>.** Click register, then team and search for St. Joseph.

KC AND KC LADIES AUXILIARY CORNER



Knights Meeting – 3rd Monday of each month
Next Meeting – Monday, March 18, 6:30pm, Parish Hall
"In Service to One, in service to all."
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 2nd Monday of each month
Next Meeting – Monday, March 11, 6pm, Heritage Hall
"Helping Knights helping others."

SCHOOL NEWS

ASSISI EARLY LEARNING CENTER - Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year will be open to Catholics in the area (who are not members of St. Francis). If you are interested in registering your child/children for the Infants through 4-year-old program, please come by Assisi Early Learning Center on **Wednesday, March 27th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.** in order to complete a short application form. These forms will be drawn to fill any vacancies, or if there are no vacancies, your name will be placed on the 2019-2020 waiting list. **You must bring a letter from your pastor/administrator stating that you are an active member of that parish.** If you have any questions, call Assisi at 601-856- 9494.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL - is very excited to announce the dates and times of our Spring musical, *The Wizard of Oz!* Find your courage, ponder with your brain who to bring, and open your heart to enjoy watching our cast, crew, and orchestra perform in this 80th year anniversary of the classic movie that we all love. Please save the dates! Thursday April 11th at 7pm, Friday April 12th at 7pm and Saturday April 13th at 2pm and 7pm. Just follow the yellow brick road!

SR. THEA BOWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL DRAW DOWN is on Saturday, April 27 at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$100 and admit 2 persons. Second chance insurance is \$20. Each ticket presents a chance to win \$5000. To purchase tickets visit the Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School website at theabowmanschool.com or contact the school at 601-352-5441.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Catholic Charities of Jackson, MS is seeking applicants to fill the position of Executive Director. A practicing Catholic is preferred. See our website for a detailed job description at www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org. *Applications will not be accepted by fax, or hand-delivery. No phone calls please. Catholic Charities is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from qualified candidates.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, Mar 10 -

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
(8:15) Larry & Vicki Moorehead
(10:45) Mike & Cathy Hepburn
Chad & Kelly Hirn
(5:00) Eddie Adkins & Volunteer

LECTORS
(8:15) David Wright & Sara Weisenberger
(10:45) Brendan Sheehan & Mark Doiron
(5:00) Transito James

HOSPITALITY
(8:15) Jeremy & Natalie Hutto
(10:45) Jason & Melanie Rice
(5:00) Mike & Angie Carney

USHERS
(8:15) Ned Darbonne & Billy Endris
(10:45) Curtis Gho & David Holloway
(5:00) David & Mona Cobb

ALTAR SERVERS
(8:15) Olivia Rabalais & Parker Dancer
(10:45) Mabry Hirn & Sam Rice
(5:00) Bella Alimot & Ava Spence

VOCATIONS
(8:15) Alan & Laurissa Henderson
(10:45) to be announced

Sunday, Mar 17 -

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
(8:15) Linda Strong & Tricia Williams
(10:45) Bill & Terri Iupe
Karen Worrell & volunteer
(5:00) Richard Johnson & Ron Baldwin

LECTORS
(8:15) Joe Baladi & Eddie Adkins
(10:45) Katrina Blossman & Joe Best
(5:00) Larry Moorehead

HOSPITALITY
(8:15) Dale & Michelle James
(10:45) volunteers needed
(5:00) Carroll & Debbie LeBlanc

USHERS
(8:15) David Flood & Denton Hartlein
(10:45) Mike & Cathy Hepburn
(5:00) Mike & Angie Carney

ALTAR SERVERS
(8:15) Dylan Wasson & Andrew Didion
(10:45) Amanda Hair & Ava Tripoli
(5:00) Anna Meyer & Alexandra Zevallos

VOCATIONS
(8:15) David & Lissa Ruhl
(10:45) Anthony & Mindy Fertitta

Collection Report

Week of March 3, 2018

General: \$12,230.55 Bldg Fund: \$1512.00
MS Catholic: \$175.00 Our Daily Bread: \$232.00
Catholic Relief Serv: \$15.00 Black & Indian Missions: \$50.00

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." Pope Benedict XVI