# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT





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# **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm Closed Friday – Sunday

### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm Weekday Masses | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday First Saturday of the Month | 8:00am

### **CONFESSION TIMES**

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

# **CLERGY**

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate Deacon Sammy Diesi

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### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00pm Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Eleanor D. Halphen; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:00am Pat Cypriano; Amanda Fournier; Richard & Cecile Leblanc; J. Ryan Fontenot; Euzebe Guillory; Clarice D. Faul, L.J. Dossmann & Billie Dossmann; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael Fa-Kouri; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot, Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand

IO:00am Warren Soileau; Kermit Christ; Hunter Joseph Higdon; Chris Dunbar; Elizabeth Claire; Luke Robert Ragas; Fields & Voitier Families; John Olivier; Ezra & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Ronnie Ortego (BD); Kaylie McCoy; Billy Jarrell (DA); Helen Kimball

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

12:05pm Martin, Jr. (BD) & Miriam Roy; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Lee R. (BD) & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Amanda Fournier

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Marcylee Thibodeaux (DA); Amanda Fournier; Gerald Roy



# PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

#### **PRIESTS**

03/10 | Rev. Casey Dugas 03/11 | Rev. Willard Dugas 03/12 | Rev. Edward Duhon 03/13 | Rev. Nicholas Dupre 03/14 | Rev. Gilbert Dutel 03/15 | Rev. Darren Eldridge

03/16 | Rev. Peter Emusa

#### **DEACONS**

03/10 | Dcn. Charles Ortego
03/11 | Dcn. Juan Pagan
03/12 | Dcn. Scott Peyton
03/13 | Dcn. Richard Picard
03/14 | Dcn. William Pollingue
03/15 | Dcn. Kyle Polozola
03/16 | Dcn. John Wayne "Jake" Prejean

The last chance to donate to the Catholic Daughters Lenten Project is next weekned, March 16th & 17th. Donations will support "Hope for Opelousas"

Join the Choir for Easter Vigil Mass. Practice dates are: 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, at 5pm on Wednesdays.

# **⊕** OCS CORNER

Opelousas Catholic invites you to SPLIT THE POT! This is a fundraiser to benefit OCS. Entries are \$5 and available for purchase on the OCS website only: ocsvikings.com/split-the-pot. On March 15th (the Friday before St. Patrick's Day), the name of one lucky winner will be drawn at random. The winner will get to split the money raised with OCS! All entries must be in by noon on March 15th.

The Scholastic Book Fair kicks off this week with a Grand Event! Grandparents of OCS students are invited to shop with their grandchildren on Monday, March 11th. This year the Grand Event will take place in the OC gym to allow for a more spacious shopping experience. Grandparents who cannot be there for the Grand Event can add money to their grandchild's eWallet account so they may shop during the book fair. Visit the OC website (ocsvikings.com) and click on events for more detailed information.

On Monday, March 11th at 9:25 am, Father Chase Micheal Hilgenbrinck, a retired American soccer player notable for walking away from his professional career to become a Catholic priest, will be speaking to students in grades 3rd - 12th at St. Landry Church. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend this special talk!

Save the date for the Opelousas Catholic Passion Play which will be on Sunday, March 24th in the OC gym. Each year the Passion Play is put on by the senior class.





The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:IO-II). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

# READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

#### FIRST READING

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 137:1-2,3,4-5,6
A lament from exile for the loss of
Jerusalem

#### **SECOND READING**

Ephesians 2:4-10
In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL READING**

John 3:14-21

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life..

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Sue Arnaud: Nela Badeaux: Mercedes Bihm; Fr. Alan Breaux; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Cortez; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Ruby Blanchard Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Charlotte Guidry; Patty Hacket; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Brian Jackson; Edval Jannise, Jr., Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Elaine & Ronald Joubert; Mike & Linda Labbe; Ronnie Leger; Anna Maria Leleux; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Mark Mouton; Craig Ortego; Shawn Perry; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Amy Dupre Prestonback; Mavis Quebedeaux; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronald & Elaine Richard; Chris Soileau; Bubba Sonnier; Greg Tate; Linda Thatcher; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Allen Vidrine; Burnell Vidrine

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