

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be. It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissension. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus’ proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications. It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to

Readings for the Week of February 2nd, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/



Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Morris St. Julien Sr., Mary Jane Jacquet, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Lorita Jeanbatiste, Rita Lewis, Florence Jacquet, Albert Sam Jacquet, Byron Knox, Keith Broussard, J.

Breaux, B. Hampton Guidry, Amy Lawrence, Tyra Rogers and those in the following nursing homes:

Camelot of Broussard: Sylvania Cormier



The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, February 3rd, 2020** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, February 8th, 2020**. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby’s birth

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr. & Ethel Mae Decuir, Clifton H. Daigre Jr, Elmo Cormier, Antoine M. Cormier, Joseph S. Alfred (*1st Anniversary*), M/M Albert & Lillian Williams, Joseph H. Williams, Paul Frank Williams, all deceased & surviving members of the Williams and Alfred families, Ramona Harris, Herbert Jones (*Happy Birthday*), Louis Jones (*Happy Birthday*), Zoway Flughece Jones, Geneva Decuir, Laura Green, Florence Lee and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 8:00 a.m.: For all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 10:00 a.m.: Anne Lasseigne, Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Steven Nickerson, Robert Nickerson, Charles Nickerson and for all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

God’s Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group C** that cleaned the church on February 1st, 2019. The next group is **Group A:** Marie Francis, Jennifer Harris and Gaynell Kimble — February 8th, 2020.

St. Anthony — February, 2020: (Group B) Theresa Cormier, Laura Chretien, Jaleesa Richard, Lilly Faye Jones, Diann Darby and Beverly Rixner

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:

Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

1st – 5th Grade  **6th - 11th Grade**

Mar 14, 2020
Apr 18, 2020

Feb 29, 2020
Mar 21, 2020
Apr 4, 2020

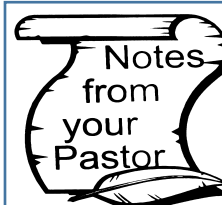
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020

- ◆ **BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPEAKERS:**
Feb 9th: Senator Gerald Boudreaux
Feb 16th: Dr. Kenneth Brown
Feb 23rd: Deacon Mike Morrison
- ◆ **LENTEN MISSION—St. Joseph:**
 March 23-24-25, 2020
- ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Thur., Feb 6th at 6:30pm in the BPLC

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY February 8, 2020 5:00pm	Christella Spurlock Barbara Thomas	Dan Foster Diann Foster Patty Derouen Harold Anderson	Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Harold Johnson Curtis Sebillie Anthony Smith Michael Rabon
SUNDAY February 9, 2020 8:00am	Theresa Jones Donald Mitchell	Theresa Cormier Laura Fontenette Eddie Chretien Donald Mitchell	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
SUNDAY February 9, 2020 10:00am	Brenda Washington Marie Francis	Paul Kimble Gaynell Kimble Christine Decuir Edward Decuir	Tylan Davis	George Thomas John Bernard Schekeal Henry Lucius Savoy

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

PASTORS CORNER



As we begin Black History Month, post 50th anniversary celebration, I was honored and humbled. At the outset I was overwhelmed with tremendous gratitude, also in that moment I remembered my class mate Fr. Alvin Francis Dixon, S.V.D. and his family, ordained with me on December 18th, 1969 by Bishop Boudreaux, D.D., Diocese of Lafayette in Bay St. Louis, Miss., who passed away some years ago.

With my family, Geneva and Collins Jr. we would like to thank the 50th Anniversary committee for the outstanding program you prepared and arranged for my 50th Anniversary Celebration. We will be forever grateful to each one of you. You will be in our prayers as we remember this great moment in our lives.

My family and I would also like to thank all who attended the liturgy, reception or both for your presence and to those who share a gift we thank you. We are grateful for your outstanding generosity and presence.

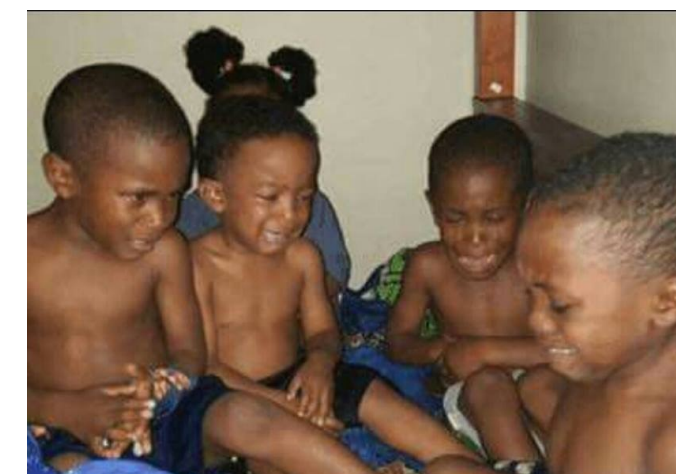
Finally, to our Bishop, Douglas Deshotel D.D, and my brother priests for sharing this moment with me and my family. May the Lord continue to bless you in your ministry as you serve His People?

As I close, let us remember that our theme **“FROM STURGGLE COMES STRENGTH”** is part of our experience and that is part of the resilience that gives us the courage to respond to challenges!

~ Rev Thomas James ~

Embracing Our Heritage

#Growing Up Black



When nobody would admit to it and Momma said: “Everybody gonna get a whipping!”

The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stjostant.org

Our Giving

Jan 25th and 26th, 2019

St. Joseph: (69 Envelopes out of 213) **\$924.00**

St. Anthony: (35 Envelopes out of 84) **411.00**

\$1,335.00

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has bestowed upon you.”

- ◆ **TRANSITIONS THROUGH GRIEF:**
 Hospice of Acadiana
 2600 Johnston St., Lafayette
Thursdays, 12:00—1:00pm
Feb 6th, 13th, and 20th, 2020
 Workshops for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Topics includes common grief reactions, the impact of loss and self care. Please RSVP (337) 2321234
- ◆ **13th Annual Veritas Lecture & Gala Dinner**
 Pro-Life Advocate for Unplanned Parenthood
 Friday, Mar 13th at 6:30pm
 Le Pavillon at Parc Lafayette
Guest Speaker: Abby Johnson
 For more information call (337) 889-5345