



“We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen

carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all. It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician’s act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart. We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn’t come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up

**Readings for the Week of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

**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 and Ethel Mae Decuir. 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.:** 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, Loren Pierre (*Happy Heavenly Birthday*), the Leonard & Pierre families and all ill members of the Leonard family. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions

**God’s Housekeepers:**

**St. Joseph:** Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group C** that cleaned the church on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The next group is **Group A:** Jennifer Harris, Marie Francis and Gaynell Kimble - March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**St. Anthony — March 2020:** (**Group C**) Theresa Jones, Marie Decuir, and Anne Tate

**PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:**

**Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** Apr 18, 2020  
**6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade** Mar 28, 2020  
 Apr 4, 2020



**First Confession:** Fri, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm  
**First Communion:** Sat, May 6<sup>th</sup> during 5pm Mass

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020**

◆ **LENTEN MISSION—St. Joseph:**  
 March 23-24-25, 2020 at 7pm  
*From Struggles Comes Strength and Strength through Mercy Achieves Forgiveness.*

Presenter: **Rev. Charles Smith, S.V.D.**

**References:**  
**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** Readings: Hebrews 11:1-6 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52  
**Mar 24<sup>th</sup>** Readings: Acts 19:11-20 Gospel: Luke 4:16:20

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** Readings: Mark 2:1-5

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>SATURDAY</b> March 21, 2020 5:00pm	Melvin Brown Bertha Brown	Michael Rabon Barbara Thomas Cynthia Jacquet Cathy Sigur	Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock	Jarrot Spurlock Anthony Smith Terry Flugence Harold Anderson
<b>SUNDAY</b> March 22, 2020 8:00am	Theresa Cormier Dianna Darby	Jeanette Mitchell Donald Mitchell Anne Tate Marie Decuir	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
<b>SUNDAY</b> March 22, 2020 10:00am	Claudette Nickerson Marie Francis	Christine Decuir Edward Decuir Paul Kimble Gaynell Kimble	Gabirel Decuir Victoria Decuir	Damon Harrison Eugene Martin Tyrone Robers Shawn Davis

**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**

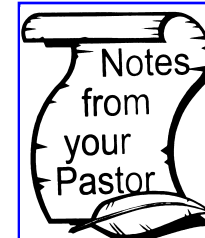
In our liturgy today we celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> *Sunday of Lent.* The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and the Gospel Reading both are familiar to us. They are read on a number of occasions throughout the year. In our experiences grumbling and complaining are very familiar to all of us. The gospel parable shares part of the life story of someone who lives without any spirituality or morality. In hearing and reflecting on those two readings we can identify both where they exist in our contemporary world, because they are so prevalent and obvious today. We also realize how they impact and destroy too many lives today.

As we began our Lenten Season, we were invited to return our whole heart to the Lord. At this juncture on our Lenten journey, in relationship to him are we in the process of returning our whole heart to him in generosity, prayer and sacrifice.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, were the Jews generous, prayer and did they make sacrifices? In her spirituality was the Samaritan woman generous and prayerful to her God and did she make sacrifices or was her entire life centered on physical satisfaction.

Any one of us can adopt either position, some adopt both! In the challenges and storms we face throughout our life, hopefully through it all we have learned to depend on God and whatever happens to us, we continue to be generous, prayerful, sacrificial and forgiving.

~ Rev Thomas James ~



**Inspirations for Your Week**



The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: [stiostant.org](http://stiostant.org)

**Our Giving**

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**St. Joseph:** (101 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,653.00**

**St. Anthony:** ( 32 Envelopes out of 84) **712.00**

**\$2,365 .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.”*

**HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY**

◆ **St Joseph Altar Festival:** St Anne Catholic Church, *Youngsville, LA* Thurs March 19<sup>th</sup>. 8:30am—2pm Meatless Spaghetti dinner with treats to be served



**Prayers for the Sick:** Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Mary Jane Jacquet, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, 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, Amy Lawrence, Sylvania Cormier, Byron Knox, Betty Broussard and LeLion LaBry.



The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby’s birth certificate and a \$25 registration fee to the

church office by noon on **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**