

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY MISSION CHAPEL

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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9:00 a.m.–12 noon
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Tuesday **CLOSED**
(Parishioners: For any emergency or sacramental
needs please contact Fr. Richard, SVD at
(337) 714-9327)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: St. Anthony 8:00 a.m.
St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.
Monday - Thursday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Weekdays following weekday masses
or by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki, S.V.D.
(337) 714-9327

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Ms. Peggie M. Bellow

Maintenance: Mr. Terry Flugence

Musicians: Mr. Harris Flugence
Ms. Carla Bernard

Trustees: Mr. Daniel Foster
Mrs. Dianna Darby

Victims Assistance Coordinator:
Mr. Joe Pisanco, Jr. (337) 298-2987

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Church office to schedule Baptisms

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Priest 6 months prior to the wedding date. NO wedding date should be planned, till after the Marriage Preparation has been completed.

Funerals

Please call the office to inform of the death of a church member and to schedule an appointment to plan the Funeral. Only after meeting with the Secretary, should one contact the funeral home with the final arrangement.

Meetings

Ushers Association: Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.—Bishop Perry Learning Center

Adult Choir Practice: Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Come Lord Jesus Group: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Knights & Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: 2nd Sun of the month

Mission Statement

"As a community inspired by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and our ancestral heritage, we the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Anthony profess to proclaim God's goodness. And through our faith and commitment to the Holy Word we join together in spirit, truth, love and service working together for the good of our church parish."

GOSPEL MEDITATION



“God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: **“How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have re-**

jected as king of Israel?” Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It’s painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won’t let us wallow our pity-party forever. **“I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,”** announces the Lord, **“for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”** Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it’s the golden age of Israel’s earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won’t fail us. He’ll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— *Father John Muir*

Mass Intentions

Saturday 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, Angie Keefe, Patrick Keefe, deceased members of the Keefe & Gilloon families, Charles Walker Jr, Charles Walker Sr, Ashton Thomas, Johnny Thomas, Joyce Cormier, Antoine Cormier, Clifton Daigre Jr, M/M Wilson & Carmen Green, M/M Cecile & James Bienvenue, deceased members of the Green, Williams and Bienvenue families and for all of our family members who are in need of conversion & salvation. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donor and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

Sunday 8:00 a.m: M/M Hayward & Lorina Celestine, M/M Howard & Barbara Celestine, Clifton Celestine, Lena Mae Celestine, Melton Celestine, Kirby Smith and Kenneth L Smith Jr & family. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

Sunday 10:00 a.m: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, Jordan Porter, M/M Velma & Harold Flugence, M/M Joseph & Delores Porter Sr, Wilfred Thompson, Elsie Thompson, Wilson Thompson, Lester Mouton, Collins Green and Alberta Green. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.



Prayers for the Sick:

Merciful Jesus, onto Your Compassionate Heart we recommend:

Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Mark Tauriac, Mayola Williams, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Edna Nickerson, Shavawana Flugence, Katherine Gregoire, Julius Gregoire, Victor Jackson, Christopher Trailer, Sarah Smith, Sylvania Cormier, Oliver Brown and Mary Alice Cormier.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD
rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)

Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground
and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means
Sent — .
So he went and washed, and came back able to
see. (Jn 9:6-7)

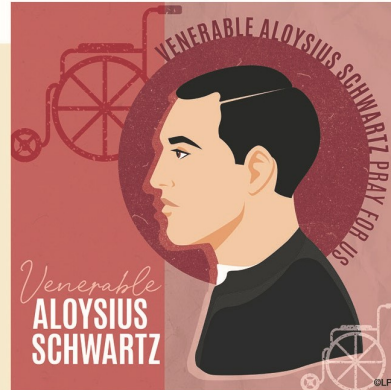
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

Observances for the week of March 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz (Father Al) spent his life embracing poverty, building hospitals, and supporting orphans in war-torn Korea, the Philippines, and the Americas. His legacy lives on through the religious orders he founded — the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ.

Prayer

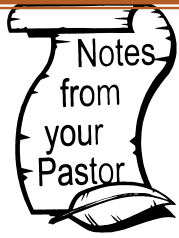
Prayer for Venerable Aloysius Schwartz's intercession

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For Your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al. be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. I ask You to bestow upon me, through the intercession of Fr. Al (your intention).

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor.

Amen.



PASTORS CORNER

John 9, 1-41

The central theme of today's readings is that God makes everything new in and through Jesus Christ. We are children of the light baptized into the glory that is Christ. We are initiated into the life of Christ who is the light of the world. Once we are baptized in Christ we become his new creation, the members of God's own family. Today as we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent we are called upon to renew ourselves and experience the loving invitation of our Lord. In the early church those to be baptized and public sinners were called upon to understand that Jesus alone is the new life. In the Gospel of today presents us Jesus as the light of the world. We have today the marvelous story about the cure of a man born blind. Jesus tells them that he must perform the works of him who sent him while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. Once the blind man is cured he is able to see Jesus as his Lord, something the religious leaders were unable to do. In the midst of our doubting God's directives for our lives we can find hope in today's responsorial Psalm 23. We are reminded that with God there is nothing more we could ever want. He provides us with the rest and comfort we need to refresh our soul. He guides us along the path He has laid out for us from the beginning of time. We have nothing to fear as He provides all the courage we could ever need. His goodness and kindness have always seen us through our most difficult challenges and we can trust securely in our Lord as we look forward to dwelling with Him throughout all of eternity. So what does this trusting look like as we push through our daily challenges? How do we deal with difficult people? Our second reading in Ephesians provides the simple yet profound answer. "Live as children of light for light produces goodness and righteousness and truth." We learn what is pleasing to the Lord through meditating on His Holy Word and then following that path. Christ Himself will give us His light. That is simply what He does. He "is the light of the world" and following Him is the way to have & exude "the light of life" as we find in the verse before today's Gospel reading. The concept of God as the center of light and truth is powerfully brought home in today's Gospel story about Jesus healing the blind man. Jesus disciples were trying to understand why the man was born blind in the first place. Why do people suffer and why do bad things happen? Jesus reminded them and us that He is "the light of the world". He demonstrated that He did in fact have the power to heal. So where does that leave us? Perhaps the blind man's simple response is the key "One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." Perhaps that statement is far more spiritual than physical. The Pharisees certainly did not understand what had just happened. They could not see the light. Yet truth and light were right there in front of them. Jesus freely gives to those that will receive His truth. That same truth and light that is available to each of us we simply must seek Him and His Holy Word.

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Inspirations for Your Week

**"Don't worry about anything;
 instead, pray about everything.
 Tell God what you need, and
 thank him for all he has done."**

-Philippians 4:6-

Our Giving

March 11th & 12th, 2023

St. Joseph: (115) Envelopes) \$1,944.00

St. Anthony: (33 Envelopes) 593.00

\$2,537.00

2nd Collections:

Building Maintenance: 40.00

Building Insurance: 5.00

B.S.A: 327.00

Black & Indian Mission: 25.00

Latin America: 5.00

Catholic Charities of Acadiana 5.00

TOTAL: \$2,944.00

Stewardship Quotes

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19TH, 2023

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY March 25, 2023 5:00pm	Lesia Handy	Cathy Sigur		
SUNDAY March 26, 2023 8:00am	Diana Darby			Lucinda George Eddie Chretien
SUNDAY March 26, 2023 10:00am	Jennifer Harris	Tyrone Rogers		

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!!

God's Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in Group C that cleaned the church on March 18th, 2023. The next group is Group A: March 25th, 2023.

St. Anthony — March 2023: (Group C):

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:



Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

K– 11th Grade

March 25, 2023

April 8, 2023

A VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

To the following Committee members who helped make Deacon Daniel Fosters celebration a success:

Planning Committee:

Brenda Washington	Horatio Handy
Peggie Bellow	Tyrone Rogers
Barbara Thomas	Theresa Cormier
Judy Keefe	Charlotte Milson
Melanie Sam	Terry Flugence

Hospitality Committee:

Rose Rabon	JoAnn Ryes
Carla Bernard	Marie Francis
Felicia Washington	

Confirmation Candidates:

Angelle Thibeaux
Alayah Cormier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Confirmation Confession** will be held on April 22nd, 2023 at 4pm here at St. Joseph in Broussard
- ♦ **Confirmation Retreat** will be on April 29th, 2023 at St. Joseph in Maurice from 10am to 5pm Mass
- ♦ **Confirmation** will be on May 7th, 2023 at St. Joseph in Maurice at 10am
- ♦ **1st Communion Confession** will be held on May 13th, 2023 at 10am here at St. Joseph
- ♦ **1st Communion** will be on May 14th, 2023 at 10am here at St. Joseph
- ♦ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent at 6pm at St. Joseph
- ♦ **EASTER LILLY DONATIONS:** \$20
- ♦ **Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass**—8am Monday, March 20th at St. Joseph