



“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-

preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture. Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom. Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

Readings for the Week of March 22nd, 2019

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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, Corey J Lee (*Memorial Mass*), M/M Joachim Lee, Mary Martin, Margaret Roy, M/M Arthur & Hazel Roy, and Ronald Norbert. 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, Wilfred Thompson, M/M Harold & Velma Flugence, deceased members of the Thompson & Flugence families, M/M John & Florence Porter, Joe Porter, and the deceased members of the Porter family. 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 A** that cleaned the church on March 21st, 2020. The next group is **Group B:** Carolyn Domingue, Barbara Thomas and Laura Williams - March 28th, 2020.

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

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!



PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:
Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

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

CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

First Confession: Fri, May 1st at 6pm
First Communion: Sat, May 6th during 5pm Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2020

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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.*

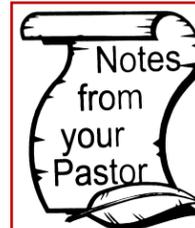
References:
Mar 23rd Readings: Hebrews 11:1-6 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52
Mar 24th Readings: Acts 19:11-20 Gospel: Luke 4:16-20

Mar 25th Readings: Mark 2:1-5

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY March 28, 2020 5:00pm	Lesia Handy Melanna Sam	Linda Johnson Dan Foster Diann Foster Linda Alfred	Raymond Sigur, jr	Charlotte Flugence Curtis Sebille Russell Flugence Gertrude Batiste
SUNDAY March 29, 2020 8:00am	Alton Celestine Rosemary Lee	Oliver Brown Theresa Jones Alton Celestine	Jarvis Berard	Loucinda George
SUNDAY March 29, 2020 10:00am	Edward Decuir Victoria Decuir	Helen Ledet Terry Flugence Barbara Thomas Brenda Washington	Javen Harrison Daemyn Harrison	Paul Kimble Ervin Flugence Troy Mitchell George Thomas

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



TAKING TIME ON OUR JOURNEY AT THIS TIME AS WE EXPERIENCE THE CORONAVIRUS! Today in our liturgy we celebrate the 4th Sunday during our Lenten Season. This is a painful time in the History of our country. Throughout the history of the world many other countries have faced epidemics, gas warfare, quarantine, imprisonment in prison camps where their freedom has been limited, taken away or curtailed. Today we face a curtailment of our freedom. This is painful. As we go through the pain, there is a benefit and the benefit is many will take this opportunity to stop, slow down connect, reconnect with family and those we love. I pray we all use this moment well.

I hope we all realize schools are closed and the impact, the stress, challenges we encounter, religious activities are scaled down, sporting events are canceled, large events are canceled, live entertainment performances are canceled or rescheduled, refunds are being processed and sent to those who registered. Now we can outline once again the priorities in our life, our family’s life and also what is not significant in our individual life, family and those we love.

FAMILY LIFE:
 I pray that all families take this time to be together. This is not a time to be idle or do busy work or run from one little thing to keep busy. During this time, families can play recreational games, tell each other stories, improve their spiritual relationships by watching movies that educate, inspire, encourage and challenge them.

EACH INDIVIDUAL:
 During this time, each individual can spend time with self by setting aside some time for meditation, reading a little scripture and finding one of your favorite personalities in the Old or New Testament then take a look at that person’s gifts and failures. Spend some time in personal prayer. Let us all take a look at our faith journey and set aside some prayer time to pray and reflect and ask ourselves, what direction are we heading.? We all say I am too busy, now we are not, so we have the time.

God has given us this time to return our whole heart to him. I know in all this silence, we hear our God say, “today if you hear my voice harden not your hearts”! Now we have the time, so let us open up to him, to ourselves and our families! Let us pray we overcome with our God, be safe and stay well.

~ Rev Thomas James ~

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass:
 April 9th @ 7pm.
 There will be **no 7am Mass**

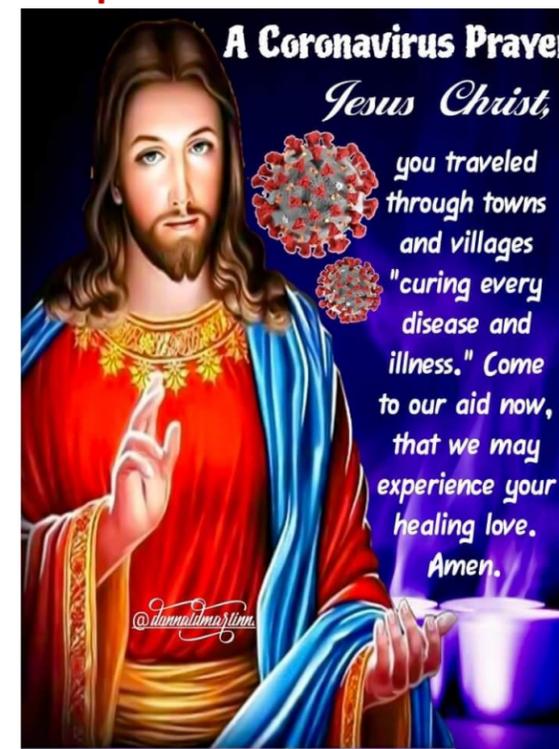
Good Friday Service:
 April 10th @ 3pm

Holy Saturday:
 April 11th @ 8pm
 There will be **no 5pm Mass**

EASTER SUNDAY: April 12th, 2020
 St. Anthony 8:00am
 St. Joseph 10:00am

THE WAY OF THE CROSS:
 Every Friday at 5:30pm during Lent at St. Joseph

Inspirations for Your Week



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

Our Giving

Mar 14th and 15th, 2019

St. Joseph: (61 Envelopes out of 213) **\$1,451.00**
St. Anthony: (13 Envelopes out of 84) **453.00**
\$1,904 .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.”



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 4th, 2020** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, May 9th, 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 4th, 2020**.