

The 5th Sunday of Lent: "The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear? and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there. How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her"? they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?

Readings for the Week of April 7th, 2019

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Morris St. Julien Sr., Jaiden Gardner, Sylvania Cormier, David Bernard Sr., Mary Jane Jacquet, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, Andre' Serio, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Mayola Williams, Lorena & Lester Mouton, Mrs. Louvenia L Gibson, Barbara Leon, Rose Rabon, Hazel Allen, Freida Cross, Wilfred Thompson, Edward Lawrence, Audrey Armelin and those in the following nursing homes:



Landmark of Acadiana: Elise Jeanbaptiste

Maison de Lafayette: Dorothy Lavan



The next Baptismal class will be held on **Monday, May 6th** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism will take place following the 5pm vigil mass on **Saturday, May 11th**. 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 6th, 2019.

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, Mercedes St. Julien, deceased members of the Washington & Foster families 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: 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: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, Gregg Haynes, the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lillian Vivian Francis, Cordelia Dean, all deceased & surviving members of the Harris and Nickerson families 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.

God's Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group B** that cleaned the church on April 6th, 2019. The next group is **Group C:** Cynthia Jacquet and Pamela Seville – April 13th, 2019.

St. Anthony – April, 2019: (**Group A**) Loucinda George, Mary Alice Cormier and Jeanette Mitchell

~ Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated! ~

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

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| 1st – 5th Grade |  | 6th - 11th Grade |
| <i>1st Communion Retreat</i> | 8am—Noon | Apr 27, 2019 |
| <i>1st Communion Confession</i> | 9am—10am | May 4, 2019 |
| <i>1st Communion Practices</i> | | Apr 27 th & May 4 th , 2019 |
| <i>Confirmation</i> | | Friday, May 3 rd , 2019 |
| <i>Notre Dame Catholic Church, St. Martinville, LA</i> | | |

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019

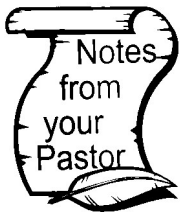
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, April 8th at 6pm in the BPLC.

ALTAR SERVER MEETING: Saturday, April 13th at 10am in the auditorium section of the BPLC. This meeting is mandatory and all current and would be servers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

HOSPICE RAFFLE TICKET SALE: The weekend of April 27 & 28 after each mass. Coffee & Donuts after the 10am mass on Sunday the 28th.

| Mass | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | Altar Servers | Ushers |
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| Saturday April 13, 2019 5:00pm | Melanna Sam Lesia Handy | Harold Johnson Linda Alfred Harold Anderson Cynthia Jacquet | Jayde Spurlock Jordan Spurlock | Terry Flugence Michael Rabon Curtis Sebille Jarrot Spurlock |
| Sunday April 14, 2019 8:00am | Theresa Cormier Lilly Faye Jones | Godfrey Robertson Rose Lee Laura Fontenette Theresa Jones | Jarvis Berard | Loucinda George |
| Sunday April 14, 2019 10:00am | Brenda Washington Marie Francis | Edward Decuir Gaynell Kimble Paul Kimble Barbara Thomas | Javen Harrison Daemyn Harrison Tylan Davis | Lucius Savoy George Thomas Edward Decuir Danny Flugence, Jr. |

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

Today in our liturgy we celebrate the 5th Sunday of the Lenten Season. In today's 1st reading Isaiah reminds the Chosen People, and reviews what the Lord has done and is doing for them. Following that, in the reminder they are told do not remember the things of the past, but what is transpiring "now", something New. God is creating a way for them to change. For us this newness has been passed on to us, if few have lost our way to return to Him during this Sacred Time, we call Lent, as Jesus told Thomas, I am the way, the truth and the life. This is the new way.

In today's gospel, a large part of this newness is forgiveness. Jesus demonstrates to us that he or she who is without sin can throw the first stone, make the judgements, and allegations. In the past the norm was an eye for an eye, revenge, retaliation, getting even and paying back. Today we can experience this "newness", it is open to us throughout the year, but in her Wisdom, the Church has set aside this sacred time for anyone that includes all of us, to focus on strengthening our spirituality and one area, namely forgiveness. We realize today to forgive has in many instances has fallen on deaf ears.

Today, it is common for many to test God. In the gospel reading for the 1st Sunday, we heard and listened to how the devil tested Jesus. As we do our Spiritual renewal and spiritual maintenance during this sacred time, let us ask ourselves where we have tested Him? Let us accept this sacred time, especially this element of "newness" as one our ongoing challenges, *falling upward!*

~ Rev Thomas James ~

Inspirations for Your Week

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR FAMILY



Lord Jesus, be with my family. Grant us Your peace and harmony, an end to conflict and division. Gift us with the compassion to better understand each other, the wisdom and love to assist each other, and the trust and patience to live peacefully together. Grant that, through the intercession of Your mother, Mary, and St. Joseph our family too may become a holy family, accepting each other, working together in unity, and selflessly dedicated to one another and to You. Amen.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS 5:30pm Every Friday during

Lent at St. Joseph

LECTORS SCHEDULE for The Way of the Cross:

- April 12thMelanie Sam
- HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**
- **Holy Thursday Mass:** April 18th @7pm. There will be **no 7am Mass**
 - **Good Friday Service:** April 19th @ 3pm
 - **Holy Saturday:** April 20th @ 8pm. There will be **no 5pm Mass**

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

Our Giving

March 30th & 31st, 2019

St. Joseph: (78 Envelopes out of 213) **1,301.00**
St. Anthony: (33 Envelopes out of 84) **585.00**
\$1,886.00

"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