

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 11 – 17

- Monday** - Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Mt 25: 31-46
- Tuesday** - Is 55: 10-11; Mt 6: 7-15
- Wednesday** - Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32
- Thursday** - Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7: 7-12
- Friday** - Ez 18: 21-28 58; Mt 5: 20-26
- Saturday** - Dt 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48
- Sunday** - **Second Sunday in Lent**
Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18; Phil 3: 17—4:1; Lk 9: 28b-36



PRAY FOR: Danny Smith, Melinda Fabre, Mona Escobar, Mark Voisin, Ray Duthu, and for all prayer shawl recipients.
Pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Swallow.



If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer list, please call the church office at 985-876-6904 or email rvowell@htdiocese.org. After 6 weeks the individual will be removed from the list, but please call or email to keep them on the list.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS Church

In Loving Memory of Merlin & Joyce Brunet, George & Shirley Picou, Bobby Brunet donated by M/M André Brunet & Children.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.”

Now there’s a scary thought. Jesus, the Word made Flesh, Son of God and Son of Mary, is tempted by the devil - not just once, but again and again. How was Jesus really tempted? Turn stones into bread. That is a temptation to acquire material security and financial wealth. The Holy Land is full of stones. Turning stones into bread would have made Jesus very wealthy. All the kingdoms in the world . . . will be yours. That is a temptation to use wealth to gain power over others. Tyrants, both large and small, national and in families, use wealth to control others. Many people live in poverty and fear of a tyrant who has political and military power. Some people spend their lives catering to the whims of the person who controls a family’s fortune. Throw yourself down and the angels will protect you. This is the most sinister temptation of all. To do something that will amaze people so you can gain control over their minds and hearts and souls. In various ways we constantly face these same temptations in our lives. How do we deal with them?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT Sunday – March 3

Envelopes (255).....	\$12,497.00
Loose	\$ 2,066.20
Total	\$14,563.20

2ND COLLECTION this weekend, March 9-10, 2019 for the BLACK AND NATIVE AMERICAN MISSIONS.

This weekend our parish will take up the 134th Annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including here in our diocese. Several church parishes in our diocese receive grants from this collection. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today.

Thank you for your support.

PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS ARE BACK!

If you would like to have Mass said in honor or in memory of someone please complete the form in the vestibule, contact the church office at 876-6904 or email rvowell@htdiocese.org. The first weekend of each month we will list all Mass intentions for that month in the bulletin. This will begin in the April 6/7 bulletin. The usual stipend is \$3.00 per person per Mass. The names are due the Tuesday prior to the first weekend of each month. Please call or email to have your loved one(s) added to the April list of Mass intentions by April 2, 2019.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Due to increased costs of the candles and shipping, the suggested donation for the sanctuary lights in the church or chapel is \$20.

LENTEN BOILED SHRIMP DINNER

St. Francis de Sales School’s Co-Op Club is hosting a Lenten Boiled Shrimp Dinner - Friday, March 29, 2019. The dinner will consist of a serving of boiled shrimp, potatoes, corn, and dip.

Dinners are \$12 each and may be picked up by the convent driveway from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on that day. Tickets are available at the school office.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Friday, March 15 Accepting donations of cakes, candy and baked goodies from 7 AM to 4 PM

Saturday, March 16 Accepting donations of cakes, candy and baked goodies from 7 AM to 12 NOON

Sunday, March 17 The altar will be open for viewing from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Plates loaded with goodies will be served to all that attend. Italian cookies (Fig and flavored cookies will be for sale to support our Seminarian Fund)

Tuesday, March 19 The altar will be open for viewing from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

St. Joseph Mass 8:30 AM (children will be in costume to portray the Holy Family)

Tupa Tupa 10:00 AM (children in costume)

Plates loaded with goodies will be served to all that attend. Italian cookies (Fig and flavored cookies will be for sale to support our Seminarian Fund)

PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars - the Parish Picnic will be March 24, 2019 from 11am-3pm.



OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS AGAINST RACISM: A LISTENING SESSION

On October 14th, 2018 the U.S. Bishop’s Committee on Racism led by Bishop Fabre, released a document titled, “Open Wide Our Hearts” addressing the problem of racism in America.

Last week we looked at what racism is, this week let us look to the first thing proposed by the U.S. Bishops, Do Justice.

“Justice was a gift of grace given to all of humanity. After sin entered the world, however, this sense of justice was overtaken by selfish desires, and we became inclined to sin.” We see this injustice manifested today because, “Many of our institutions still harbor, and too many of our laws still sanction, practices that deny justice and equal access to certain groups of people.” “For a nation to be just, it must be a society that recognizes and respects the legitimate rights of individuals and peoples. These rights precede any society because they flow from the dignity granted to each person as created by God.”

Examples how this injustice is manifested in the communities of our Native American, Hispanic, and African American brothers and sisters can be found on pages 8-17 of *Open Wide Our Hearts*, which can be found on the diocesan website

To help us better understand how injustice is manifested in our church today and how we can “Do Justice”, Bishop Fabre will hold a listening session for all people of the diocese titled, “Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism: A Listening Session” will be held on **March 28th** in the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Highway 311 from **6:30 PM until 8:30 PM**. Food will be provided. For more information please contact, Fr. Alex Gaudet at agaudet@htdiocese.org.

BAPTISMS

The Cathedral of St. Francis welcomes our newest member, Vivian Hornibrook

YOUTH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY - ABBEY YOUTH FEST 2019 - “Restored” will be held Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 at Saint Joseph Abbey in Saint Benedict. Please pray for all attendees and volunteers.

COMMUNITY NEWS



We are called to love our neighbor. But, like the scholar in the scripture passage, we may find ourselves wondering, "Who is my neighbor?" This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program, will help us answer that question.

We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. Join nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent. Together, we will serve our brothers and sisters most in need around the world while forming families and faith communities in global solidarity. I invite you to take action to build the culture of encounter as missionary disciples with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) this Lent. You can donate online at <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>, by phone: 1-877-435-7277, or by mail: Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.

The Haiti Mission Inc., announces the **10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SILENT AUCTION**. The event will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at Ellendale Country Club.

HMI's work is to bring humanitarian aid to the poor of Numero Deux and Ravine Sable in the region of Jeremie, Haiti. Since 1999 the organization has grown to include benefactors and volunteers of many faiths throughout Louisiana, the United States, Canada and Haiti. HMI has enabled thousands in the areas served to enjoy potable water with 60 water wells drilled since 2007 and 146 homes have been constructed over the past eleven years.

Please visit www.haitimissioninc.com to learn about the ongoing work of HMI and for tournament registration information or call 985-209-3228. The silent auction is available for online bidding March 11 at <https://haitimis2019.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse>. Should you have questions regarding the auction call 985-804-3112.

BAYOU LAFOURCHE CLEANUP

Bridging the Bayous Timebank is gearing up for the 2019 Bayou Lafourche Cleanup to be held Saturday, March 23 from 8am-12pm.

Please sign-up at <https://form.jotform.com/BTNEP/bayou-lafourche-cleanup-2019>

CARING FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Restoring Human Dignity on the Border: Answering the Call for Compassion and Care - Many asylum-seeking immigrants at the Texas-Mexico border are released by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials at the bus terminal in McAllen as they aim to connect with family members and sponsors in cities as far away as Los Angeles and Chicago, to await their due process. They need some basic supplies. Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley needs shoelaces, gloves, belts in adults and children S-M-L sizes.

Please bring or mail donations by March 8th 2019 to: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, 1220 Aycock Street Houma, LA 70360 (985) 876-0490

HEALING MASS – St. Eloi Church is having a Healing Mass with Fr. Emmanuel "Manny" Fernandez from the Diocese of Lafayette, on Sunday, March 17th at 3:00pm. **All are welcome.** (location: St. Eloi Catholic Church, 1335 Bayou Dularge Rd., Theriot, LA)

2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal

Please prayerfully consider a gift to support our Annual Bishop's Appeal and our parish. You can give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass this weekend, or you may simply mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Jesus tells us to care for those who are most in need in the world. He reminds us of our Christian duty to give a voice to those who go unheard and to help those who are most vulnerable.

✚ We hear in Deuteronomy, "We cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression." Lent is a season for liberation. Today people all over the world, especially those who suffer in some way or are victims of injustice are seeking liberation from all kinds of oppression. If God hears the cries of the poor, how should we interact with those who are poor, oppressed and marginalized?

✚ Paul calls us to put our faith in God, trusting that in so doing, God will act. Jesus shows us what that looks like by resisting temptation in the desert and living those 40 days in trust. Lent is a time to be aware of the temptations and turn back to God's values. Jesus confronted temptation and was able to say "no." There is hope for us! It is possible to resist temptation; it is possible to resist the pressures of our culture and society and to be free. Jesus' forty days in the desert and his encounter with the evil one are a sign of hope for us all.

We pray:

✚ For those who are forced from their homes by war, natural disasters and other tragedies, that they may be welcomed with love and hospitality in new and foreign land.

✚ For our own community of faith, that we may welcome the homeless, the lost and the wanderer, recognizing that Jesus himself lived without a permanent place to call home.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 16-17

Commentators

4:00 PM Jude Fanguy
7:00 AM Jerry Dover
9:00 AM Becky Boudloche
11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Lectors

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
7:00 AM Denise Dover
9:00 AM James Watkins
11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Melva Fournier, Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM John Breaux, Richard Guidry, Mark Spence, Gail LeCompte, Evelyn Ruckstuhl
9:00 AM Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Michael Boudreaux, Clayton Lovell, Kathy Lovell, Volunteer
11:00 AM Norman Simon, Dianna Olivier, Carol Domangue, Abigail Lirette, Volunteer, Volunteer
5:30 PM Jane Lirette, Tammy Blanchard, Gina Danos, Melanie Babin, Mike Amico, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Marley Johnson, Misha Johnson, Brady Hazelton
7:00 AM John Breaux, Richard Guidry
9:00 AM Sara Beth Haydel, Scott Haydel, Claire Cazayoux
11:00 AM Remi LeBouef, Renea LeBouef, Bailey Hebert
5:30 PM Alexander Amico, Isabella Amico, Olivia Amico



CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned that Confirmation strengthens our relationship with God. Reconciliation also strengthens our relationship with God and also with the Church. When we sin we hurt or break our relationship with God. Sins can be placed into two categories – venial and mortal. A mortal sin is the knowing and willful violation of God's law in a serious matter and breaks our relationship with God. A venial sin is a slight sin and injures our relationship with God.

Many sins wrong our neighbor. We must do what is possible in order to repair the harm (e.g., return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, pay compensation for injuries). But sin also injures and weakens the sinner himself, as well as his relationships with God and neighbor. Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused. The sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: he must "make satisfaction for" or "expiate" his sins. This satisfaction is also called "penance."

Why do we confess to a priest? Only God forgives sins. Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, "The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" and exercises this divine power: "Your sins are forgiven." By virtue of his divine authority he gives this power to men to exercise in his name. "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'"

Find out more next week about the sacrament of healing – Anointing of the Sick.

Do you have a particular question you want answered? Send in your questions to rvowell@htdiocese.org to have answered here!

