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<p>Office Hours Monday—1:00pm—4:00pm Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday 8:30am— Noon, 1:00pm—4:00pm Closed Friday—Sunday</p>		

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Please don't take for granted that you are registered in the parish... Call the church office if you have a doubt... We can mail you a Census Form!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Sunday, 03/06	Fr. Gregory Cormier
Monday, 03/07	Msgr. Douglas Courville, JCL
Tuesday, 03/08	Fr. Randy Courville
Wednesday, 03/09	Fr. Robert Courville
Thursday, 03/10	Fr. Angelo Cremaldi
Friday, 03/11	Fr. Barry Crochet
Saturday, 03/12	Fr. Francis Damoah, SVD

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". In-still in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, de-fuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam. Amen.

OC CORNER

We wish our students the best in their competition at the upcoming District Drama Rally and District Literary Rally! The Athletic Council is selling barbecued dinners next Sunday, March 13, for \$10 per pork steak dinner. Tickets are available in the high school office this week.

OC thanks all who helped with the Cognia Re-Accreditation Review which ran smoothly. Special acknowledgment goes to faculty chairperson Jennifer Keeler with co-chairs Jessica Fontenot and Amanda Hollier.

It is getting closer for the "Fête de Faith" Dinner/Auction event in the Opelousas Civic Center! Tickets for the March 19 evening are available at OC, Bodemuller the Printer, and through committee members for \$50 per person. Amazing offers will be available through a Live and Silent Auction, and a tuition drawing will be held as a

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group will meet THIS Sunday, March 6th from 6pm—7pm in Valentin Hall!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Boys who have made their 1st Holy Communion are invited to become Altar Servers for our parish. Parents of interested students should contact Deacon Joubert 942-6552 ext.1104.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Our Parish Lenten Mission will be held on Wednesday (3/09) and Thursday (3/10) from 5:30pm—6:30pm in church. Fr. Garrett McIntyre will present this year's mission with a theme of "An Encounter with Divine Mercy."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The reflection on the Stations of the Cross will be Friday's during Lent at 5:15pm & the Marian devotion on Monday's at 11:15am.

THANKS!

Much appreciation to the anonymous donor who purchased the "Little Black" Lenten Reflection books for our parishioners once again! God Bless!

MAN TO MAN CONFERENCE

The 2021 Man to Man Conference which was postponed due to COVID precautions has been rescheduled for April 30th from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Speakers include Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel, Fr. Wade Menezes, Fr. Brent Smith, Fr. Jim Brady, and John Edwards. The Conference will take place at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Lafayette. Register online @ www.m2m21.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 05

4:00pm Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Geneva Scallan, Marilyn DeCuir & Jules Gaspard (BD--All); Frank & Harry Dubord and Edna Gaspard; Robert, Madeline & Albert Going; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux (DA); Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Patrick Murray Labbe; William & Dorothy Hatch and Family; Gene & Mary E. Paillet

Sunday, March 06

08:00am Murphy Lanclous Sr., Lorrina & Euzebe (DA) Guillory; James E. & Mattie W. Martin, Steve Vidrine; Fr. Howard William Hansen, OFM; Fr. Austin Leger; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Billie P. Dossmann; Barbara St. Amand; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot & Martin J. St. Amand; Burnell Fontenot

10:00am Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull; M/M Lucas Thuoc Van Do; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Frances D. & Richard Bordelon; Burnel Manuel Sr.; Lagrange and Dupre Family; Steve Vidrine; Mary Perry; Drucella Fruge' Harper; Kent Manuel (Healing); Mildred & J.D. Dupre; J.Y., Sr., Nita Bordelon; Melanie & Billy Jarrell; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Trina M. Ardoin; Families of Fields & Voitier; Manuel & Veillion Family; Leo & Hermance (DA) Manuel,

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, March 07

12:05pm Emelie Thibodeaux Huckaby (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Kermit (DA) & Belle Pitre; Mildred (BD) & J.D. Dupre; Ronnie Ardoin; Lagrange and Dupre Family

Tuesday, March 08

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Bertha Pavy

Wednesday, March 09

12:05pm Covington Normand (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Eleanor D. Halphen

Thursday, March 10

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Leo (DA) & Hermance (BD) Manuel; Manuel & Veillion Families

Friday, March 11

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

First Sunday in Lent

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15

A prayer for God's protection

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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