

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
*Closed Friday – Sunday*

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm  
Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm  
Weekday Masses | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
First Saturday of the Month | 8:00am

**CONFESSION TIMES**

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass  
Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm  
Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

**CLERGY**

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor  
Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon Sammy Diesi

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, MARCH 2

4:00pm Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; M/M Robert, & Albert Going, Elvin/Ena Ortego, & Paula O. Bienvenu; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:00am Jules Gaspard (BD), Geneva Scallan (BD) & Marilyn Decuir (BD); Oline D. Roberts (BD); Clarice D. Faul, L.J. Dossmann & Billie Dossmann; Amanda Fournier; Richard & Cecile Leblanc; Pat Cypriano; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; J. Ryan Fontenot; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael Fa-Kouri; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Eva Fontenot (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

10:00am Warren Soileau; Chris Dunbar; Emmett & Luke Baquet; John Olivier; Elizabeth Claire; Luke Robert Ragas

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

## MONDAY, MARCH 4

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon, Eric & Wendy McCoy

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Al Soileau; Special Intention; Gerald Roy

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7

12:05pm Winnie Hidalgo Hoyt (DA); Special Intention; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Ronnie Ardoin (BD); Charlene & Roy (BD) Whaley, Sr.; Winnie Hidalgo Hoyt (DA)

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Clayton (DA) & Eula Soileau, & Mayance Dupre



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

### PRIESTS

03/03 | Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  
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03/07 | Rev. Gregory Todd Downs  
03/08 | Rev. Blake Dubroc  
03/09 | Rev. Wayne Duet

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03/04 | Dcn. David Menard  
03/05 | Dcn. Cody Miller  
03/06 | Dcn. John Miller  
03/07 | Dcn. Michael Morrison  
03/08 | Dcn. Cuong Joseph Nguyen  
03/09 | Dcn. Tuan Anh Nguyen

## SAVE THE DATE

Lenten Mission -

- Monday & Tuesday, March 11th & 12th
- 6pm Mass & Mission
- Homily/Mission given by Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck

## AN EVENING UNDER THE OAKS

An Evening Under the Oaks is set for Friday, April 5th! Ticket sales begin this weekend, March 2nd & 3rd, after all weekend masses. Tickets are also available to purchase at Valentin Hall, please call the office for more info!

## OCS CORNER

Did you know that Opelousas Catholic School has an exceptional Preschool program starting as early as 3 years-old? OCS's highly qualified staff are forming the hearts and minds of these little saints in the making by planting seeds of faith through weekly mass, rosary, Stations of the Cross during Lent, and adoration on First Fridays. An affordable alternative to daycare, Pre-K 3 & 4 students enjoy hands-on experiences in a small class setting. Elementary and Preschool aftercare is also available at a low cost. New families may contact the Registrar to schedule a tour and explore all that OCS preschool has to offer! Email Mrs. Joanne Briley at [brileyj@ocsvikings.com](mailto:brileyj@ocsvikings.com) or call 337-942-5404, ext. 109.

Join OCS in praying the Most Holy Rosary for the school and community this Wednesday, March 6th, at 5:30 pm at the Pieta. Please bring your rosary and a lawn chair or blanket to sit. All are welcome.

OCS is still seeking additional aftercare workers! This is a great job opportunity for college students or mothers looking for part-time employment. Applicants will need to be Safe Environment certified upon selection before they can begin work. Contact Mrs. Joanne Briley for more information or visit the website: [ocsvikings.com/employment-opportunities](http://ocsvikings.com/employment-opportunities).

Coming up this week, are Cheerleader and Vikette Tryouts! New students transferring in for the 2024-25 are invited to tryout! See [ocsvikings.com/events](http://ocsvikings.com/events) for more information and requirements.

**Adoration Chapel**

**IMMEDIATE COVERAGE NEEDED!**

Mon 1am  
Wed 1am  
Thurs 7pm  
Fri 1am 12pm, 1pm  
Sat 3am

**SIGN UP**

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Could you not watch one hour with me? 📺 Mt 26:40



## GOSPEL READING REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

### READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

#### FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17  
Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19:8,9,10,11  
A prayer of praise to God who gives us his commandments

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

#### GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-25  
Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Sue Arnaud; Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Fr. Alan Breaux; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Cortez; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Ruby Blanchard Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Charlotte Guidry; Patty Hacket; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Brian Jackson; Edval Jannise, Jr.; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Elaine & Ronald Joubert; Mike & Linda Labbe; Ronnie Leger; Anna Maria Leleux; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Mark Mouton; Craig Ortego; Shawn Perry; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Mavis Quebedeaux; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronald & Elaine Richard; Chris Soileau; Bubba Sonnier; Greg Tate; Linda Thatcher; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Allen Vidrine; Burnell Vidrine

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