

**Second Sunday of Lent**

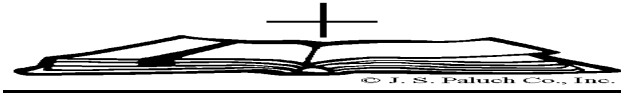
**February 25, 2018**

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b*



**Mass Intentions**



**Sat., Feb., 24, 5:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Sidney Huval and Family, Corey Rainey, Nick Sita, Lester Shackford, Dick and Ruthi Olson (L), Amy Goff, Sal (L) and Margaret Mary Mule', Arthur Bartel, Dolores Reiser, Harold and Nora Jones (L)

**Sun., Feb., 25, 7:30 a.m.** Carol Pieri

**Sun., Feb., 25, 9:15 a.m.** Dolores Reiser, Patty Johnson (L), Margaret Mary Mule', Steve Berger (L), Corrine Authement, Gloria Pitello, Lucille Lockhart, unborn (aborted) baby, Donna Babb, Mark Simmons, Howard Simmons, Alice Gensler

**Sun., Feb., 25, 11:00 a.m.** Parishioners

**Mon., Feb., 26, 8:00 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule'

**Tues., Feb., 27** NO MASS

**Wed., Feb., 28, 8:00 a.m.** Michael and Millard Mule' (L)

**Thurs., Mar. 01, 8:00 a.m.** Loretta O'Rourke

**Fri., Mar. 02, 8:00 a.m.** Lillian Bartel

**Sat., Mar. 03, 8:00 a.m.** Gwya and R.J. Weng (L)

**Sat., Mar. 03, 5:30 p.m.** Loretta Stansbury, Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Sidney Huval and Family, Corey Rainey, Nick Sita, Lester Shackford, Dolores Reiser, Betsy and Scott Woolever (L), Dick and Ruthi Olson (L)

**Sun., Mar. 04, 7:30 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Mar. 04, 9:15 a.m.** Dolores Reiser

**Sun., Mar. 04, 11:00 a.m.** Bob Pecunia, Frank Boroughs, Eva Gaspard, Steve Berger (L), Gwen Orgeron (L), Joseph Legnon, Grace Trafficano, Lloyd Callias (L), Sonny Smith

**PRAYER LIST**

Helen Lafleur  
Tom Kelley  
Martha Huval  
Ashlie Cox  
Ethel Istre  
Kevin Delaune  
Joel Rivera  
Audrey Casey  
Dennis Wilson

Louise Cashmere  
Judge Salvadore Mule'  
Emmett Guderian  
Joann Austin  
Chip Guillory  
Howard Constant  
Steve Berger  
Jess Patterson

February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
L.	Karen	Tim	Jerry	Ed
C.	Judy	Nancy	David	Lynette

**Weekly Collections**

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Regular Collection	\$ 4,485.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 95.00
Regular Collection	\$ 461.00

**THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:**

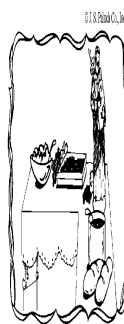
<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Tyler Stahel (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Joseph Legnon
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Jon Craig (L)
<i>St. Ann</i>	Louise Cashmere (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

The Knights of Columbus are holding their Lenten Fish Fries every Friday during Lent beginning Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. The cost is \$9.00 per plate. They will be serving your choice of fried or baked fish, cole slaw, potatoes and hush puppies. Eat in or take out. Everyone is invited to attend.



**The St. Joseph Altar will be celebrated Monday, March 19, 2018.**



St. Joseph Altar volunteers are accepting monetary donations after each Mass this weekend. Thanks to everyone for the quick and generous response to the cookie bake list. A list is on the bulletin board for the items that are still needed. All items are needed on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sal Mule' will be at Jonathan Hall to accept the cookie donations from 9:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup> **THE COOKIE BAKE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.** If you have any questions, please contact Salvadore Mule' at 985-796-3757 or 504-220-4237.

**Fr. Robert will be away from February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Jerry Daniels and Fr. Roch Naquin will be celebrating Masses while Fr. Robert is away. March 8<sup>th</sup> will be a communion service.**

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

A meeting for the Confirmation Class students, parents and sponsors will be March 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. This is a mandatory meeting.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for forgiveness in confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans beginning at 5:00 p.m. until no longer needed on the following Wednesdays in **LENT 2018: March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and March 21<sup>st</sup>**

***ON MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> FR. DAMIEN WILL HEAR CONFESSION HEAR AT ST. JOHN'S. I ENCOURAGE YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.***

### FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION

For lent our parish will be participating in a food drive that will benefit our neighbors who are living in poverty. The non-perishable food items we collect will be sent to the north shore food bank which serves families in St. Tammany, Washington and Tangipahoa parishes. Please take home a brown paper bag after all masses today to put your donated food in. We ask that you fill the bags and return the filled bags on the weekend, of March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and/or March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The food bank truck will be here both weekends for collection of food. Thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity for this need in our community.

### **RICE BOWL ENCOUNTER CESIA**

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more

The Stations of the Cross will be every Friday in Lent at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude on Good Friday. **Confession is available during Lent, beginning Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., during Stations of the Cross or until no longer needed.**

### **CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

Fr. Richard Kunzman will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church

### **SUFFERING**

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

### SHROUD ENCOUNTER BLESSING

Those who attended the Shroud Encounter presentation were most grateful for the blessing of a deepened faith in the resurrection of our Lord. What we have to look forward to is most amazing! Some who were not able to attend asked about DVD's or other resources to learn more about it. Russ Breault has a number of such that can be gotten through his website: <http://www.shroudencounter.com/> The attendance was good but less than expected on Sunday. Because of this the free will offering did not cover expenses. If you can assist us in lessening the parish expense for this rewarding experience, please note on your check or envelope it is for the Shroud Encounter. Thank you and God bless you.

### **PASSION**

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

ADORATION IS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE, EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 8:00 A.M. EVERY MONTH

BLANKET MINISTRY MEET FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 – 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

PSR CLASSES ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:15 – 7:30 P.M.

MATTHEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY, MONDAY, 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY

MEN'S GROUP, WORD ON FIRE CATHOLICISM, THURS. 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY, BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS EVERY THURSDAY OR FRIDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES, FRIDAYS DURING LENT, 4 – 7 P.M.