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March 31, 2019: 4th Sunday of Lent

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Lent and Holy Week Schedule



Father Christopher Boutin
 Director Lenten Mission
 St. John the Baptist Parish

Wednesday's of Lent we have the light is on for you celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation from 6 until 8 p.m. St. John's is a participant in this Archdiocese program.

Schedule of Events for St. John's during Lent and Holy Week

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: Every Friday from 5:00 till 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross: Prayed every Friday of Lent at 5:00 p.m. and on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Supper: Sponsored by the Lady's Sodality, will be held on March 16th after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

The Daily Mass Schedule during Lent:
 Tuesday has 5:30 p.m. Mass
 Wednesday has 7:30 a.m. Adoration, rosary and the Mass
 Thursday has 7:45 a.m. morning prayers and the Mass
 Friday has 7:45 a.m. morning prayers and the Mass

Weekend Schedule for Lent:
 Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday weekend: Blessing and distribution of palms and reading of the passion.

Holy Week, Mon. Tue. & Wed.
Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Lords Last Supper, Washing of feet & transfer of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Cross, Holy Communion

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 5:00 p.m. with the reception of Candidates into The Community of the Catholic Church

Easter Sunday Mass celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord at 10:00 a.m.

REV. SHERWIN MONTERON
 Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary
 Judy Poiroux, Bookkeeper
 Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director
 Karen Day, Youth Director

Parish Council

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux
 Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden
 Jack Wright Jay Graham

Finance Council

Paula Dyess Paullette Cauley
 Carol Voss

MASSES
 Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
 Wednesday 7:30 A.M.
 Thursday 7:45 A.M.
 Friday 7:45 A.M.
 Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.
 SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Weekdays by Appointment
 Saturday 4:30 P.M.
 Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass and every 1st Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Funerals
 Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34:2-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

"LET US CELEBRATE WITH A FEAST"

As we leave winter behind and enter into the home stretch of our Lenten journey, we have good reason to celebrate. We know that with each new sunrise we will enjoy more warmth and daylight. We know also that Christ, our risen "Sun," is bringing more and more warmth and light into the world with each new day. How better to celebrate than with a feast! The first reading, the psalm, and the Gospel for this Sunday all refer to feasts. Each of these feasts celebrates what the psalm calls "the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 34:9). The spring Passover festival in the reading from Joshua celebrates God's gift of the land of Canaan to the Israelites. In the Gospel parable the father doesn't give a thought to his prodigal son's sins or to his own injured feelings. He proclaims, "Let us celebrate with a feast!" (Luke 15:23). He then leaves his own banquet to encourage his elder son to "celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again" (Luke 15:32).

Lent, and Holy Week Schedule

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays of Lent, March 8, 15, 22 & 29 & April 5 & 12 at 5 pm: **Friday, April 19**, at 3 pm

Lenten Mission on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week: April 15, 16 & 17

Father Christopher Boutin of St. Dominic Parish will direct our Mission

Holy Thursday

April 18, 2019: Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of the feet at 7 pm

Good Friday

April 19, 2019: Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion

Easter Weekend

Easter Vigil, April 20th at (to be announced): **Easter Sunday**, April 21 at 10 am

Known April Birthdays

4 th : Bobbie Poiroux	20 th : Colleen Gray
7 th : Michael Kirchoff	23 rd : Michael Bray
9 th : Brandon Cauley	24 th : Caroline Moser
10 th : Avery Schmierer	25 th : Bailee McCall
11 th : Mary Holland	26 th : Cameron Schilling
11 th : Kristen McCall	26 th : Deacon Graham
13 th : Frank Church	27 th : Gennie Garrett
19 th : Abbi Stringfellow	28 th : Martha Delmas
20 th : Katherine Poiroux	29 th : Deborah Sema
20 th : Jay Ramsay	30 th : Ruth Riddick
20 th : Jason Poiroux	30 th : Kyle McBride

Known April Anniversaries

1st: Veronica & Reggie Stewart
7th: Mildred & Joe Smith
7th: Julia & David Schmierer
23rd: Kathy & Steve Sema
29th: Ann & Jim Jackson
29th: Autumn & Scotty Bowden

Pray for the special intentions of those serving in the

Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: Anna Weber, Pat Borne, Pat Marchand, Addie Thompson, Chris Potter, Kenney Smith, , James Cauley

This years Easter Vigil will have us welcoming Five (5)

new members to our church family.

We are pleased to welcome:

Thomas Reed
Barbara Jones
Eddie Jones
Roberta Robison
and
Howard Robison

Mass intentions

Mass Intentions for the week of 03-30-19 thru 04-05-19
30th: -- For the eternal repose of the souls of all deceased members of the parish
31st: -- Mass for the intentions of all members of the parish
2nd & 3rd: -- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Sylvia Gray.
4th & 5th: -- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/ friends of Tom Thornton

Weekend of April 6 & 7, 2019

Mass Ministers:

	5:00 pm Sat.	10:00 am Sun.
EMCH:	Linda Graham Colleen Gray	Matt Johnson Emilee Sprinkle
Lectors:	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	Dana Baker John McBride
Altar Servers:	Volunteer	Volunteers
Ushers:	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

Altar Care & Church Cleaning

Altar Care: **April 2019**
Ruth Pigorsch

Church Cleaning: **April 6 & 7, 2019**
Elsa McBride & Tammy Fontenot

Stewardship for March 24, 2019

Regular: \$3,039.00

Youth and CRE Schedule for 2019

Sunday March 31st - Youth Mass at 8:30 am. Sunday
Sunday April 7th – 1st Holy Communion Family Retreat
(8:45 am to 12 pm)
Sunday April 14th – No Class
Sunday April 21st – No Class
Sunday April 28th – Practice for First Communion
Sunday May 5th – First Holy Communion

Homebound Mass Filming:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place April 9, 2019, and will be filmed at St. Thomas The Apostle in Chickasaw, AL. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Saucier will be celebrating the Masses and he would like to invite all Catholics to come out and help make this Mass special for the homebound.

Nursing Home Outreach:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

House Blessings

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Mass Intention Cards are available at the office.

Events/Announcements for Week of March 30, 2019

- 1) **Knights of Columbus Council 15490** will hold the monthly business meeting Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the education building.
- 2) **Benediction for everyone** will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 5:30 pm.
- 3) **Stations of the Cross** are prayed every Friday at 5:00 pm except Good Friday which are at 3:00 pm.
- 4) **Second Collection** this week, March 31st, is for Catholic Relief Services.
- 5) **Special Thanks** to those who cut the grass and trimmed the hedges and made the church grounds so beautiful.
- 6) **Lenten Mission** is scheduled for April 15, 16 & 17 at 7 pm. Penance service will be Wednesday at the close of the retreat. Father Christopher Boutin from St. Dominic's parish will be our speaker. This should be a great event. Be sure to put it on your schedule.
- 7) **The Golden Group** is planning a field trip for our Wednesday, April 3rd meeting to the Genghis Khan exhibit at the Gulf Coast Exploreum in Mobile. The cost for the exhibit for those over 65 is \$15.00, and \$17.00 for other adults. . Parking is available across from Fort Condo at no charge, that is within 2 blocks of the Exploreum. If you are interested in lunch after the exhibit there are many options nearby within walking distance. The exhibit opens at 10:00 am, for those interested in a car pool, we plan to leave from St. John's at 9:30 am that morning.
- 8) **The Golden Group** bake sale will be the weekend of April 13th & 14th after the Mass. This is our annual fundraiser to support our Parish projects for St. John's. Please mark your calendars for this opportunity to purchase and enjoy delicious bake items, cakes, pies, cookies and many other wonderful homemade goodies. Please bring your baked items to the church ahead of the bake sale to be priced and displayed for sale.
- 9) **Parish Registration Forms** are on the table in the church. Every family is asked to take one home and fill it out and return it to the church as soon as possible. We are trying to up date our records and we need all information on these forms. When asked for a date please include the year also as the computer will not accept a month and day without the year. Please take the time to fill out the form and help us to make our records current and up to date. Thank you
- 10) **Known Birthdays:** 30th: Matt Cauley, 4th: Bobbie Poiroux, **Known Anniversaries:** 1st: Veronica & Reggie Stewart



Msg. Warren Wall, Houston Gunn, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Ruth Pigorsch, Lynda Jones, Daryl Driskell, Steve Sevier, Ida Clark, Penny Dupont, Sara Thornton, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Dr. Allen Roberts, Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Bobby McManus, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Linda Graham, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Aubreigh Nichols, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders, Cora Grigsby, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Harrant Broussard, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Roger Young, Leyah White.