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## March 1, 2020: 1st Sunday Lent, 2020

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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

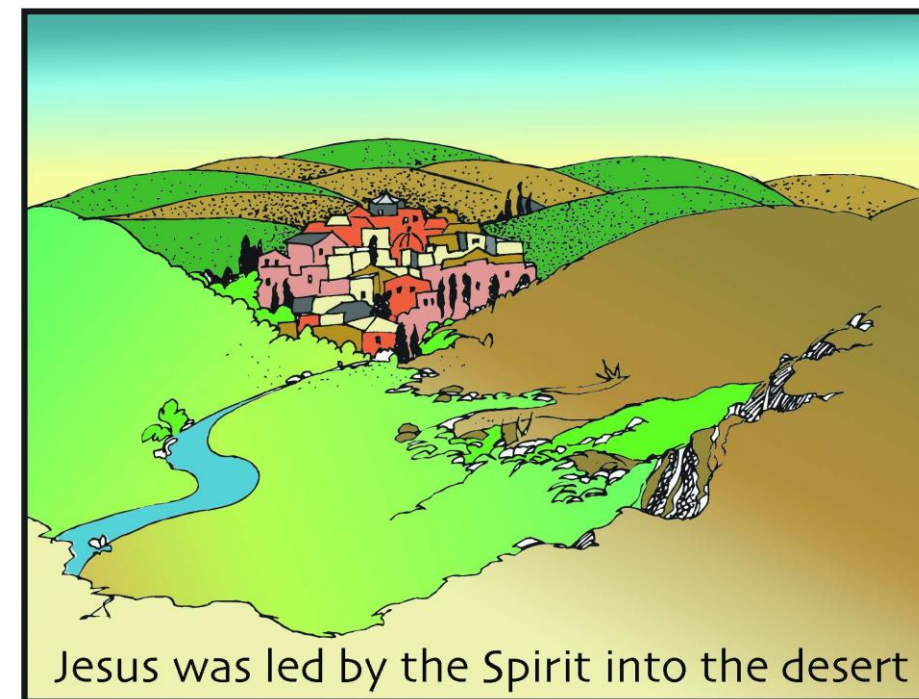
ROSARY & ADORATION: Every

Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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### The Sacraments in General (From RCIA Lesson 6)

- 1) What are Sacraments? **Answer** – Sacraments are seven religious rituals or Church ceremonies in the Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican/Episcopal traditions. The Latin word “sacramentum” is a translation of the Greek word “mysterion,” meaning “a sign of the sacred.” So the sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred and important for Christians. (According to the old Baltimore Catechism a sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.)
- 2) How many sacraments are there? **Answer** – There are seven sacraments – Baptism, Reconciliation (Penance), Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders and Anointing of the sick.
- 3) What is the first sacrament you receive? **Answer** – Baptism is the first sacrament that you receive.
- 4) What sacrament is called the sacrament of “spiritual strengthening”? **Answer** – Confirmations is the sacrament of spiritual strengthening because it is the sacrament in which we receive the Holy Spirit to make us strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ.
- 5) What sacrament forgives the sins committed after you have received the sacrament of Baptism? **Answer** – Reconciliation or Penance. You must complete the penance assigned you by the priest in order for you to receive the forgiveness of you sins.
- 6) In which sacrament do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? **Answer** – Holy Eucharist.
- 7) Which sacrament would a man receive if he becomes a Deacon or a Priest? **Answer** – Holy Orders.
- 8) What sacrament cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God and heirs to heaven? **Answer** – Baptism.
- 9) What is the biblical basis for Baptism? **Answer** – The best-known scripture verse is Matthew 28:19, when Jesus commissions the apostles by saying, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
- 10) What is the biblical basis for Confirmation? **Answer** – Christ’s promise to send the Holy Spirit on the apostles just before his ascension (Luke 24:49) “And [behold] I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”
- 11) Who can be confirmed? **Answer** – All baptized persons can and should be confirmed.
- 12) What are the conditions for confirmation? **Answer** – To receive confirmation you should be properly prepared, in a state of grace and you should have a sponsor to help you get spiritually prepared.

### First Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings: Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7; Psalm 51:3–6, 12–13, 17; Romans

5:12–19 [12, 17–19];

Matthew 4:1–11

### THE RESPONSE OF GOD

This year the Sunday scriptures of Lent have their genesis in the book of Genesis. We hear the second of the two versions of the creation story that open this book. Today's account—in which Adam receives life and Eve is created from his side—is the version filled with more folk-parable types of details, with God a much more involved character in the drama. When God wanted to change lifeless clay into a being made in the divine image, it was through breath. That breath (in Hebrew the ruach or wind or spirit of God) is the sign and source of humanity's intimate connection with our Creator. Adam experiences con spire: a “breathing with” God. Adam and Eve are in the best sense made con-spirators with God's plan for creation. But when he and Eve decide to conspire against the divine will and not with it, they fall out of their intimate relationship with God. At first, it seems that God's response is punishment; but Christians believe that God's ultimate response to this fallen state is a gift: Jesus Christ.



*Martha Delmas, Mary Kirchoff, Sara Thornton, Heather Cotton, David Stovall, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Andrea Graham, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Ida Clark, Isabel Rel, Clayton Williams, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Msg. Warren Wall, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.*

**Known Birthdays for March**

01 <sup>st</sup> : Aimee Sprinkle	15 <sup>th</sup> : Theresa Bridges
01 <sup>st</sup> : Jason Poiroux	15 <sup>th</sup> : Destry Murray
02 <sup>nd</sup> : Jimmy Marchand	16 <sup>th</sup> : Ruth Delmas
03 <sup>rd</sup> : Nina Bohl	18 <sup>th</sup> : Tony Smith
03 <sup>rd</sup> : Frances Reed	18 <sup>th</sup> : Katelynn Oliver
05 <sup>th</sup> : Tammy Fonteot	22 <sup>nd</sup> : Darrel Wright
06 <sup>th</sup> : John Murray	24 <sup>th</sup> : Paul Delmas
07 <sup>th</sup> : Ron Cauley	24 <sup>th</sup> : Johnnie Tate
09 <sup>th</sup> : Becky Thompson	25 <sup>th</sup> : Maribeth Thompson
11 <sup>th</sup> : Olivia Schmierer	25 <sup>th</sup> : Tiffany Fonteot
11 <sup>th</sup> : David Spencer	25 <sup>th</sup> : David Schmierer
14 <sup>th</sup> : Mary Martin	29 <sup>th</sup> : Joe Smith
15 <sup>th</sup> : Mike Stringfellow	30 <sup>th</sup> : Matt Cauley

**Known Anniversaries for February**

1st: Tiffany and Greg Teofilo  
18<sup>th</sup>: Elsa and John McBride

**Upcoming Parish Events**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Stations of the Cross

**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** Feast of St. Joseph

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>:** Lenten Mission with Father Austin starting at 6pm each evening with a penance service to close the Mission on Wednesday evening.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 5pm & 10 am. This weekend includes the Golden Group Bake Sale after each Mass

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:30 pm

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 6:30 pm.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Vigil for Holy Saturday at 7:30 pm (Sunset)

**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Sunday Mass during the day, 10 am

**Golden Group News**

There will be a "Road Trip" to the Museum of Mobile to see the "Ancient Roman Empire" exhibit on March 10, 2020

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Feb./Mar. 2020**

**Week of Mar. 3 – 6**

Ruth Schaffer, Mary Todd Kirby, Tim Kirby, Matthew Barron & John F. Schaffer offered by Kris and Bill Schaffer. Deceased relatives/friends offered by Mary Kirchoff.

**Week of Mar. 10 – 13**

Wilhelmena Boswell, Naomi Williams & Vern Sullivan by Rita Sullivan. Also deceased relatives/friends offered by Tom Thornton.

**Week of Mar. 17 – 20**

17<sup>th</sup>: Hats'e Rohburger & J. R. Hatfield by Dana Baker and Deceased relatives/friends of Matt & Debra Johnson.  
18<sup>th</sup>: Deceased relatives/friends of Peggy & David Delmas also deceased relatives/friends of Avis & Gennie Garrett.  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>: Father Patrick Hayes and deceased relatives/friends of the Spencer family also deceased relatives/friends of Mila Vaughn.

**Week of Mar. 24 – 27**

Deceased relatives/friends offered by Nina Bohl  
Deceased relatives/friends offered by Tom DeAngelo

**Capital Campaign**

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00  
Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**

Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

**Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:** Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes, Cathy Kirchoff, Frank Church,

**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.

**Weekend of Feb. 29 & Mar. 01, 2020**

**MASS MINISTERS:**

	<b>5:00 pm Sat.</b>	<b>10:00 am Sun.</b>
<b>EMHC:</b>	Christy Brown Andrea Graham	Matt Johnson Emilee Sprinkle
<b>Lectors:</b>	Teresa Dorriety Jay Graham	Peggy Delmas David Stanley
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

**Altar Care & Church Cleaning**

**Altar Care:** March 2020  
Ruth Pigorsch

**Church Cleaning:** **Mar. 07 & 08, 2020**  
Dana Baker & Kristin McCall

**CRE Schedule for March & April 2020**

**Sunday, Mar. 08:** Class  
**Sunday, Mar. 15:** Class, Lenten Retreat  
**Sunday, Mar. 22:** Class, Lenten Reconciliation (grades 2-8)  
Children's Mass 10 am  
**Sunday, Mar. 29:** No Class – Spring Break Week  
**Sunday, Apr. 05:** No Class, Spring Break Week  
**Sunday, Apr. 12:** No Class, Easter Sunday  
**Sunday, Apr. 19:** Class, First Holy Communion Family Retreat (8:45 am till 12 PM).  
**Sunday, Apr. 26:** Class/Practice for First Communion  
**Sunday, May 03:** Last Day of Classes / First Communion  
**Sunday, May 10:** No Classes, Mother's Day  
**End of Year Celebration** to be announced at a latter date.

**HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:**

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place March 10, 2020 and will be filmed at St. Maurice in Brewton. Mass time will be 10:00 am and Father Pat will be the Celebrant.

**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.

**Announcements for Week of February 29, 2020**

- 1) Second Collection** this week, March 01, 2020 is for the Black and Indian Missions. Don't forget that the Building Fund is collected next week also. Thank You!
- 2) The Golden Group Road Trip** to the Museum of Mobile located in downtown Mobile for the "Ancient Rome-The Empire that Shaped the World Exhibit" is Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please join us to see the exhibit and for lunch afterward at a nearby restaurant. We will depart from St. John's at 9:30 am, and if anyone can carpool that would be great. The cost for the exhibit is \$9.00 for seniors and \$10.00 for adults. We look forward to learning and enjoying the great history and technology of ancient Rome.
- 3) See Upcoming Parish Events** on page two for times of services during Holy Week.
- 4) T-Shirts** – We still have T-Shirts with the "St. John the Baptist" logo on them for sale in the church hall. The cost is \$15.00.
- 5) Known Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Aimee Sprinkle, Jason Poiroux, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jimmy Marchand, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Frances Reed, 5<sup>th</sup>: Tammy Fonteot, 6<sup>th</sup>: John Murray, **Known Anniversaries this week:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Tiffany and Greg Teofilo

**Stewardship For February 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Regular: **\$3,298.00**  
Catholic Week: **\$228.00**

**THE RESPONSE OF CHRIST**

We commonly call today's Gospel "The Temptation in the Desert" but it more accurately might be called "The Triumph in the Desert." The Gospels are filled with stories in which Jesus is triumphant, in which he faces evil, enemies, adversity. All of these prey on his human nature and seek to make him cease breathing with the spirit of God's will. But each time Jesus prevails, and in prevailing gives glory to God. Each of these triumphs is a small prefiguring of the Resurrection. And it is the Resurrection for which Lent prepares us. It is a time when we remember that the very breath of Christ, bestowed on his followers after his resurrection, was also bestowed on us by the Spirit of baptism. It is that Spirit, that baptismal breath of Christ, that we must draw upon to strengthen us in our trials, that our temptations will be vanquished by the will of God. In our failings remembered, we ask forgiveness. In our triumphs through Christ, we give glory to God.