

Our Lady OF THE Holy Rosary

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ST. AMANT, LA 70774

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday | 5:45pm

Wednesday - Friday | 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Sacraments

Baptism: Arrangements should be made in advance.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 pm. Tuesday - Friday 30 minutes before daily mass.

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

Pastor | Father Joshua Johnson

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Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:00 pm (closed for lunch 1:00 - 2:00) Friday: 8:30am - 12pm

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Second Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE HYMN - *Kyrie Eleison*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
Lord Jesus, You came to gather the nations
Into the peace of God's Kingdom
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
You come in word and sacrament
To strengthen us in holiness
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
You will come in glory
With salvation for Your people
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

FIRST READING — *A reading from the Book of Genesis (22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18)*

God put Abraham to the test.
He called to him, "Abraham!"
"Here I am!" he replied.
Then God said:
"Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love,
and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as
a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."
When they came to the place of which God had told him,
Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.
Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.
But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven,
"Abraham, Abraham!"
"Here I am!" he answered.
"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger.
"Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted
you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own
beloved son."
As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns
in the thicket. So he went and took the ram
and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.
Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven
and said:
"I swear by myself, declares the LORD,
that because you acted as you did
in not withholding from me your beloved son,
I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as
countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the sea-
shore; your descendants shall take possession
of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the
nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you
obeyed my command."

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said,

"I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay

in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING— *A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:31b-34)*

Brothers and sisters:

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

He who did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with
him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?

Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—

who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**



R. Alleluia, alleluia.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL—Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John
and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.
Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,
and they were conversing with Jesus.
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,
"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!
Let us make three tents:
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.
Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone
but Jesus alone with them.
As they were coming down from the mountain,
he charged them not to relate what they had seen to any-
one, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
So they kept the matter to themselves,
questioning what rising from the dead meant.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Offertory— *Remember Your Love*

Refrain: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord.
Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord

v1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The Lord is my life and my refuge; when I call He hears.

v2 If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand?

But with You there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand.

v3 O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.

My heart cries out for Your presence; it is You I seek.

v4 As sentinels wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.

I trust in your kindness and redemption; and your faithful word.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
Until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG—*One Love Released*

One bread, one body, one cup, one call, one faith, one Spirit present in us all.

One prayer, one blessing, one hope, one peace, one church, one people, one love released.

Is not this bread we share, the body of our Lord?

Is not this wine we drink, the blood of Christ outpoured?
refrain

I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live.

To those who share this meal, my strength I'll always give.
refrain

I am the living bread, as manna from the sky.

This bread I give to you, that you may never die. refrain

You Alone—*Lauren Daigle*

When this life has overwhelmed me, and I feel like givin' up
I will cling to all You've promised, it will always be enough
When the world around me crumbles, and it's hard to understand

I will run to You my shelter, I am safe within Your hands
Oh, You are my help forever

I will not fear, God, You are with me
I know You're near, You'll never leave me

I will trust in You alone

When I'm broken into silence, I can hear You whispering

"You're not alone here in these trials, I will hold you faithfully"

Oh, You are my help forever

I will not fear, God, You are with me

I know You're near, You'll never leave me

I will trust in You alone

And when my heart and strength have failed me

My God, You won't, Your name is mighty

I will trust in You alone

Oh, You are a fortress for the weak

The strength that carries me, when I am on my knees

The cross reminds my heart to trust

Your faithfulness and love will always be enough

The cross reminds my heart to trust

Your faithfulness and love will always be enough (oh)

I will not fear, God, You are with me

I know You're near, You'll never leave me

I will trust in You alone

And when my heart and strength have failed me

My God, You won't, Your name is mighty

I will trust in You alone

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I will not fear, God, You are with me

I know You're near, You'll never leave me

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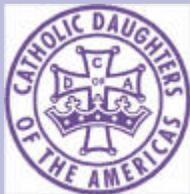
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RECESSIONAL HYMN – instrumental music



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Grief Support Meeting
Thursday, March 6
6:00 PM
Parish Center Room 13

Anyone who is struggling with grief or loss of a love one is invited to join us for a grief support meeting. There will be a licensed, professional counselor available.



2020 CONTRIBUTIONS

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Our Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of Sylvia Eppinett.



There will be a second collection at all masses March 6 & 7 for Diaconate & Seminarian Formation.

MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4:00 PM Ida & Alfred Lanoux, Jr., Tina Lanoux, Bert Lanoux, Mary Ellen Lanoux, Arnold Coker, Baby Coker, Evans Lambert, Lydia Dipuma, Anthony Fazzio, Sr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 AM Calvin Braud

9:00 AM Jeannette DeLaune

11:00 AM J.C. Gonzales & family, M/M George Hymel & family, M/M Rene Guedry & Son

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

5:45 PM For the Parish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM Christopher Tullier, Jeanette Gautreau, Joseph Ducote

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 AM Eva & Percy Parker

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 AM Memorial Guild

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

4:00 PM Catherine Brown, Gerald Comeaux, Ellis & Brian LeBourgeois

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 AM Calvin Braud, Cyril & Laura Schatzle

9:00 AM Dale Moran, Mark & Johnny Civello, Shirley T. Melancon

11:00 AM Fred H. Norris, J.C. Gonzales & family, M/M George Hymel & family, Harriet Humphrey, Marion & Francis Zeringue, Gladys & Joe Poirrier, Lionel "Buck" Bourgeois, Lance Leon, Patsy Hebert

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Joe & Erica Gulle
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Building Collection	\$	880.00
Tithing for the Poor.....	\$	148.04

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Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!” The LORD answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

When the Israelites were faced with the decision to leave the constraints of slavery or stay in their misery with Pharaoh, I am sure they never gave much thought to what may be laying on the other side or what they might have to face when they decided to leave Egypt. Their situation was so desperate that none of that mattered at that time. That is until they found themselves faced with the “Red Sea,” no food, and now no water. They had become so self-absorbed with their own discomforts that they even wanted to return back to the oppression of Pharaoh and to their previous miseries. They had seen many of God’s miracles, the parting of the Red Sea and manna that came down from heaven, yet when they became thirsty for water their doubts grew beyond desperation instead of trusting that God would provide. They allowed the fear of not knowing their future to take priority over trusting that God would provide. Have you ever had times in your life that you found yourself having to make a decision, for what at the time seemed to be a good one and yet later find yourself suffering from that decision? If you have lived any length of time you most likely have experienced hard seasons at one time or another. Whether it is from a job loss, the death of a family member, health issues and/or as in today’s world, our environment. In times like these, we can find ourselves anxious about our uncertain futures. As many of us know God is the same today, yesterday and tomorrow. Just as He provided for the Israelites, He will also provide for you. God wants all of us to know that what you need will be there when you need it. It may not be in the time frame you want it but it will be there. I encourage you to use times as this to rest in Him and wait for His timing. Just as the people of Israel rested from gathering manna on the Sabbath day in Exodus 16:29-30, use this time to rest in Him and trust that God will provide for you as well. If you find yourself in times such as this, take time today to remember all that He has done for you in the past and use this time to rest in Him and allow Him to do His work. God did not abandon the Israelites and He will not abandon you!

Reading II Roman 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Here we read that the love of God is poured out into our hearts through the “Holy Spirit.” This simply put, means that when the Lord, in the person of the Holy Spirit, comes to dwell in our hearts through our Baptism, He brings love with Him, because God is love (see 1 John 4:8). Take time this week to look at what you are doing with the love God has freely given to you. Do you reject His love because you don’t think you are valuable enough to be loved? Do you have a hard time believing God loves you, because of others’ rejection in this world? Or do you receive His love by faith, believing that He is greater than our failures and weaknesses? I think if we are all honest, we have all fallen into most of these categories at one time or another. As humans it is sometimes difficult for us to think that God still loves us. We tend to put God into the human category. We think, surely if God knew what I’ve done He would never love me! The fact is, we cannot comprehend the true love of God for each of us. We cannot imagine God loving us, with all of our mess. But He does! 1 John 4:8 says, “God is love.” There is nothing you can do, say or be that would ever change that. NOTHING! This week I encourage you to ask God to reveal to you the love He has for you. Ask Him to allow you to see that you are valuable to Him no matter what you have done in the past.

The Gospel John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband and come back.” The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus answered her, “You are right in saying, ‘I do not have a husband.’ For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one speaking with you.” At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, “What are you looking for?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here’? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.” Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.” When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

In this week’s Gospel we read about the “woman at the well.” This woman’s name is never revealed in the Bible, but we are told she was a Samaritan. She was a race, gender and had a marital status with whom Jews did not associate with. Scripture also tells us she had five husbands, and the man she had currently was not her husband. In Biblical times this was considered quite shameful for women. For Jesus to approach her would have been something very usual and forbidden in their culture. My research also revealed that it was culturally and historically traditional for women to draw water in groups and this normally occurred in the morning hours. This was quite a social occasion. I’m sure the women spent this time catching up with each other and using this time to build friendships. The fact that she was drawing water alone, at midday, indicates that she was most likely a social outcast in her community. Have you ever felt left out and ostracized by others? I personally have experienced those feelings. It can become a very lonely place and sometimes we feel like there is no way out. I am living proof of what God can do for those who have feelings of being alone and have had their community, friends and family reject them. This story does not reveal to us what happened to this woman after her encounter with Jesus, but I can’t help but believe her life totally changed. My encounter with Jesus totally changed me, therefore changing my entire life. I am still imperfect, but the difference in all areas of my life after my encounter with Christ is evident. I can assure you that you do not have to be perfect for God to love you. The story of the woman at the well is filled with rich examples of love, truth, redemption, and acceptance. Just as Jesus accepted her, He accepts us as well. He wants all of us in His Holy Kingdom. It doesn’t matter what you have done, or where you have been. He accepts us just as we are. Just as Jesus explains to this woman that He offers living water, “eternal life,” He also offers the same to each of us. This week’s scripture reminds us that it does not matter what we have done or where we have been, if we choose today to follow Him and His ways, eternal life is available to us as well through His love.

Nationally, we are celebrating Catholic Sisters Week during the week of March 8 - 14, 2021. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to remember in prayer the women who have devoted their lives to Christ and served our community. In the Diocese of Baton Rouge we are blessed to have 13 religious congregations serving our community. They include the following:

- Sisters of the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel (Paincourtville)
- Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (Baton Rouge)
- Congregation of St. Joseph (Baton Rouge, New Roads)
- Daughters of Mary Mother of the Church (Clinton)
- Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (Baton Rouge)
- Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (Baton Rouge)
- Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy (Zachary)
- Incarnatio Consecrato Missio (Baton Rouge)
- Missionaries of Charity (Baton Rouge)
- Marianites of Holy Cross (Hammond)
- Dominican Sisters of Peace (Ponchatoula)
- Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady (Baton Rouge)
- Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family (Baton Rouge)

On Monday, March 8, 2021, Bishop Duca will dedicate his 8 a.m. mass from St. Joseph Chapel at the Tracy Center to these women. The mass will be streamed on Catholic Life TV Baton Rouge. Please join us in prayer Monday morning.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), an association of leaders of congregations of Catholic women religious in the United States, are dedicating Catholic Sisters Week to feeding the hungry in our communities. They are adopting the theme "Challenge to End Hunger". Please consider making a donation in the name of the sisters to either St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room or The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.



Fridays during Lent

IN CHURCH

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