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Monday–Thursday

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

and 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00, & 10:30 a.m.

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Novena 6:00 p.m.

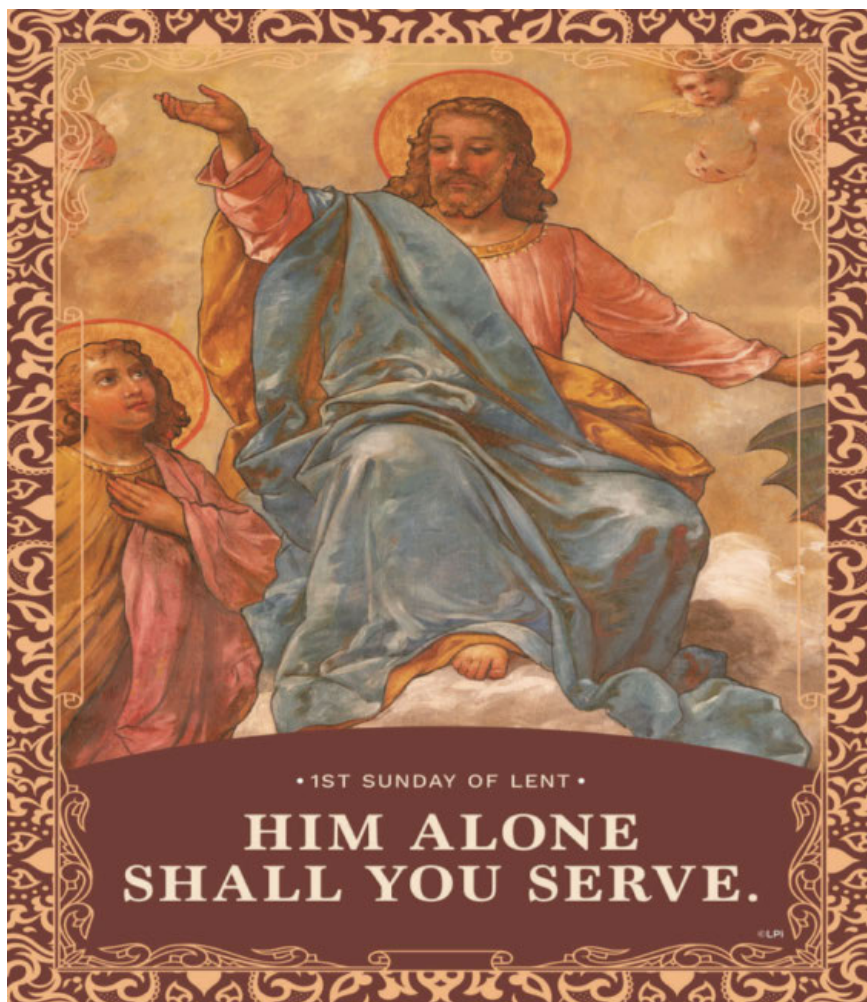
Station of the Cross

Friday 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00–4:30 p.m.

March 9, 2025



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Gospel Meditation



March 9, 2025
1st Sunday of Lent
Luke 4:1-13

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— *Father John Muir*
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The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
 Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
 You shall worship the Lord, your God,
 and him alone shall you serve."

— Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

RICE BOWLS: During the holy season of Lent, we encourage you and your family to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. This Lenten program provides us with an opportunity to take part in concrete actions that make a tangible difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters who suffer from hunger and poverty. Catholic Relief Services serves the poor in 99 countries. Through Operation Rice Bowl, we come together to celebrate the

traditional practices of Lent. We pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, and give sacrificial contributions to support global work of the Church through Catholic Relief Services. We learn about the joys and challenges faced by our neighbors around the world. 25% of the collection remains in our Diocese to address local needs of the poor. **You can pick up your Operation Rice bowl after all the Masses and you can return them on Good Friday or Easter Sunday.** It is a very beautiful idea to drop your Rice Bowl off as you kiss the Wood of the Cross on Good Friday. Jesus gave all to save us and we can sacrifice a little to save another.

***Encourage children to contribute their loose change to the rice bowl. Let them know that they are helping the poor as Jesus did.**



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

1. Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
2. Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.
3. Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

- ◆ Weekday Mass time ———— **6:30 am**
- ◆ Novena Tuesdays ———— **6:00pm**
- ◆ Station of the Cross Friday — **6:00pm**

ST. PAUL CHAPTER # 3 FOURTH DEGREE LADIES OF GRACE is offering the Roberta J. Portlock Memorial Scholarship. Deadline to submit all Forms/Application must be Postmarked on or before March 20, 2025. The application can be acquired from Gracious Lady Liza Chance. I can be reached by text or call 202 460 8376.

STEWARDSHIP MARCH 2, 2025

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A ONE STOP POP UP SHOP Join us for a highly anticipated event celebrating health, wellness, and community! on March 22, 2025 from 10am-2pm at the Old Freds Building on Main St. St. Martinville. This event is sponsored by New Iberia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, St. Martin Comprehensive Community Health Clinic, and the City of St. Martinville. We are looking for Health and Wellness vendors, as well as Community vendors offering food, handcrafted goods, etc. For vendor registration please log in to New Iberia Alumnae's Facebook page or contact Carmen Brown at (225) 936-4690 for registration assistance.

NO BAPTISM DURING LENT During the months of March and April there will be no baptism ceremonies because of the Lenten Season.

REQUIREMENTS TO BE BAPTIZE:

- The parents must come to the office and fill out an application on or before the Tuesday of the class
- A copy of the birth certificate is needed.
- The godparents/sponsors must be catholic
- Sponsors must have made their confirmation.
- If the sponsor was not confirmed at Notre Dame a sponsor form from the catholic church of confirmation is required, allowing them to be a sponsor at Notre Dame Church.
- The parents and godparents/sponsors must attend the class

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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| ♦ Bernadine Johnson | ♦ Isaiah St. Julien |
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| ♦ Sandra Berard | ♦ Merril Dickerson |
| ♦ Raephelle Perrodin | ♦ Richard Malveaux Jr. |



WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

LITURGICAL ROLE

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday March 15, 2025

5:00pm Janelle Joseph

Sunday March 16, 2025

8:00am

10:30am Auzaiah Leon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday March 15, 2025

5:00pm L—Michelle Mason

C—Madeline Phillips

Sunday March 16, 2025

8:00 am L—Natasha Ferdinand

C—Reggie Landry

10:30am L—Faith James

C—Joyce Lewis

DISCUSSION LEADER—MARY WILTZ

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday March 15, 2025

5:00pm Sandra Solomon, Eula Lee

Sunday March 16, 2025

8:00am Menda Batiste, Steven Batiste

10:30am Rose Knight, Rachel Leon

MASS ATTENDANCE MARCH 2, 2024

Saturday	5:00pm	108
Sunday	8:00am	122
Sunday	10:30am	170
Total Attendance		400



MassDate	MassTime	Intended
3/8/2025	5:00 PM MASS	Megan Anthony, Wilfred Jones Sr., Eula Mae Jones, M/M Alberta & Calvin Malveaux, M/M Dorothy & Clarence Anthony, Judy Bennet, Nellie Brown Wayne Christopher Roberts Sr., Carl
3/9/2025	.08:00 AM MASS	M/M Cecile & Wallace Wiltz, William Hypolite Jr, Lance Batiste
3/9/2025	.10:30 AM MASS	Hilda Chambers, Tomica Sais Wiltz, Sophie Gulliam Latulas, Sherly Charles Dartez, Herman Tyler, Mary Agnes Neveu

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