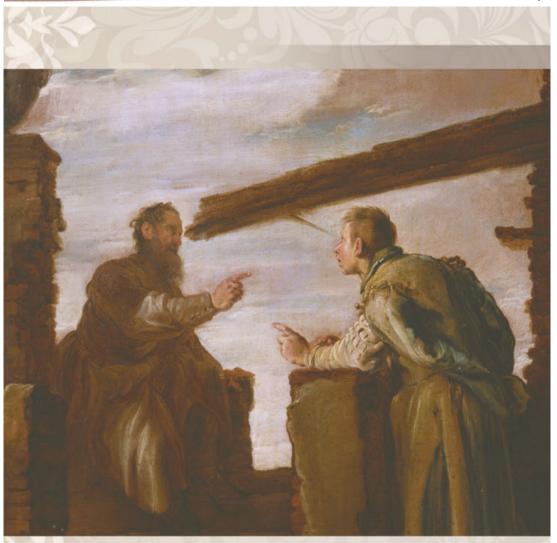
# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN EAST ST. JAMES PARISH ST. JOSEPH Volume 20 Issue 13 February 27, 2022



# 8th Sunday

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

## Sunday Readings:

#### First Reading:

Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

#### Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

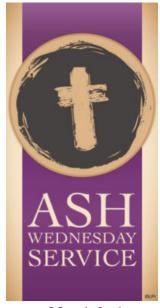
#### Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

#### Gospel:

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

(Lk 6:45)



March 2nd 8:00 A.M. (C), 12:00 Noon (G) & 6:00 P.M. (P)

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Sunday, February 27th: 8:00 A.M. (C); 10:00 A.M. (P); 5:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation 7:00–7:50 A.M. (C) & 4:00-4:50 P.M. (G)

Monday, February 28th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Tuesday, March 1st: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Wednesday, March 2nd: (ASH WEDNESDAY) 8:00 A.M. (C), 12:00 Noon (G), 6:00 P.M. (P)

Thursday, March 3rd: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Friday, March 4th: 7:00 A.M. with Stations of the Cross (L)

Reconciliation before 7:00 A.M. Mass Monday; Tuesday; Thursday & Friday

**Saturday, March 5th:** 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation 3:00-3:50 P.M. (P)

## WEEKLY PRAYER

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk

6:39-45

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: JI 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-

13/Lk 4:1-13

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

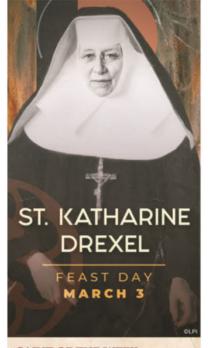
Friday: St. Casimir

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

"From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." What we say reveals so much about who we are. It discloses what is really going on within us: our integrity, priorities, depth of conscience, level of compassion and understanding of mercy. People whose speech is judgmental or overly critical usually reveal an interior life that is angry, unsettled, defensive, and shallow. Our speech communicates our sense of right and wrong, the strength of our relationship with God and how we feel about our fellow human beings. We are also quick to point out the faults of others, concentrating on their shortcomings and wrongdoings before our own. Only God fully understands what is going on inside the human heart. Only God can see the depth of a human soul. Perhaps it would do us well to consider what may be happening inside our brothers and sisters and temper our critical speech of what we see occurring outside. Looking within will also help us identify our own sins and weakness so that we can be better positioned to offer the type of wisdom and compassionate guidance that can really be of help to our friends.



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

With a family like hers, it's no wonder that St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955) grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father's death, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. Mother Drexel, as she would become known as, established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

# Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention monthly. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

#### For: True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**Sunday:** For Francis, our Pope, Michael, our Bishop, V incent, our Pastor, Alfred & Sam, our deacons, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Monday: Spirit of meekness and humility.

Tuesday: Spirit of Faith.

Wednesday: Spirit of Charity.

Thursday: Love of the Holy Eucharist.

Friday: For peace within our country.

Saturday: Love of chastity & the Blessed Virgin Mary.

# Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:



Lord Jesus, we thank you for your protection of these mothers-to-be and their babies. Thank you for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother's womb and in your love. Thank you for strengthening these precious babies, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creations. Amen.

#### Traveling Chalice & Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Host family: - March 2nd-9th—John and Robin Bentivegna Interested in becoming a host family? Call: Cheryl Louque, 225-206-2929

#### Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary

Host family Feb.27th-March 5th Laura Lambert (St. Michael); Betty Brignac (St. Mary) Call: Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129

#### Prayer Line: Praying for parishioners needs:

To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact: Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124; Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129; Etta Ruiz, 225-869-8425 or Marcy St. Pierre, 225-869-9820.

# Those In Need of Prayer

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# In Remembrance

#### Brandi Marie Roussel

December 12, 1988-February 9, 2022 A Mass of Christian burial was held in her honor on Monday, February 14, 2022 at St. Joseph Church with burial following the Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery.

#### Iris Bourgeois Laiche

February 12, 2022

A Mass of Christian burial was held in her honor on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at St. Joseph Church with burial following the Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

# Sacraments & Services

#### BAPTISM:

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.-St. Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.-St. Joseph & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.-Sacred Heart. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751).

#### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children):

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

#### **MATRIMONY:**

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at

562-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date. No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.

#### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

#### **CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.

# Cluster News!



#### Schedule for Stations of The Cross

Friday's following 7:00 A.M. Mass (L)
Stations Only: 5:00 P.M. St. Michael's
6:00 P.M. Sacred Heart

# Al-Anon Weekly Meeting Every Tuesday @ 4:00 P.M. Sacred Heart Rectory - use side entrance.

Al-Anon members are people, just like you, who are worried about someone with a drinking problem. It's meetings are an opportunity for family members to learn from the experiences of others who have faced similar problems.

#### Pastoral Office Closed In Observance of Mardi Gras

The Pastoral office will be closed on Monday, February 28th and Tuesday, March 1st for Mardi Gras. The Office will re-open on Wednesday, March 2nd. at 8:00 A.M.

#### Confirmed In Christ

On Sunday February 13th and Monday February 14th Bishop Michael Duca visited our cluster to confirm sixty-four young adults. The group of newly confirmed represents St. Michael, St. Joseph and Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. These young adults prepared for the sacrament over the last year during a very difficult time, when due to the pandemic,

usual activities were not an option. However facing all obstacles they persevered and achieved their goal. Congratulations and may the Holy Spirit guide you all the days of your life.







# Throughout The Diocese OLPI



Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

For confidential information about our local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples (March 11-13, 2022), contact: Bill and Missie @ 985-232-5963 or -visit our website: HelpOur-Marriage.org

# 40DAYS FOR LIFE BATON ROUGE

#### Wednesday, March 2, 2022

40 Days for Life is the largest, simultaneous, interdenominational global pro-life prayer effort in history. Christians of every denomination, all over the world, gather peacefully outside local abortion clinics to pray to see an end to the abortion tragedy.

Church groups, organizations, schools and individuals from Baton Rouge and the surrounding areas will pray daily from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm outside the Delta abortion facility, 756 Colonial Drive, where nearly 2,000 babies are aborted annually.

Every past 40 Days for Life have seen abortion clinics closed, more men and women choose life for their babies, and abortion workers quit! Prayer works!

Church Groups, schools and individuals can register to participate on the Louisiana Right to Life website: <a href="http://40daysforlifebr.com/">http://40daysforlifebr.com/</a>. For questions contact Bridget Soileau @ 225-773-4727 or Randall Waguespack @ (225)446-8515 ext. 1185.



Sunday, February 27, 2022:

8:00 a.m. (C) Parishioners of St. Michael 10:00 a.m. (P) For Parishioners of St. Joseph 5:00 p.m. (G) Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, February 28, 2022: 7:00 a.m. (L) LJ Hymel Sr., Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 1, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L) Donald & Odile Brignac <u>Wednesday, March 2, 2022:</u> 6:00 p.m. (P)

Doris L. Martin & Family, Derek Zimmer, Joseph & Scott Accardo, Ewell & Georgina Poirnier & Family, Claude & Melda Petit & Sons, LtCol Joseph A. Lucia III & Joseph A. Lucia Jr., Grady Poche & Richard Roussel, Benoit Becnel, Bradley & Jason Bourgeois, Madeline & Kermit Kraemer Sr. & Jr., Myrrh H. Poche, Sam & Kathleen Andermann, Wilson G. Roussel, Floyd J. "Monk" Ordeneaux & Family, Trudy Deslatte St. Pierre, Bernice & Chester Bourgeois

<u>Thursday, March 3, 2022:</u> 7:00 a.m. (L) Milton & Elda Keller <u>Friday, March 4, 2022:</u> 7:00 a.m. (L)

L.J. Hymel Sr., Souls in Purgatory, Darren "Pete" Laroze, Leroy & Donna Wescovich, Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Richard & Charmaine Zeringue, Genevieve, Norman & Richard Leonard; Aaron, Pedro, Rose & Dalton Berthelot; Benny & Geet Roussel, Gwendolyn L Tregre & Harold I. Tregre, Norman & Audrey Zeringue

<u>Saturday, March 5, 2022:</u> 4:00 p.m. (P)

Grace, Winsley Sr., Winsley Jr. & Barry St. Pierre;
Nan Millet, Clifford & Pete LeBlanc, Jerry Louque;
Roland "Shawee" Roussel & Rosemary L. Roussel &
Family, Roman & Elia Lambert & Family,
Josie Heughan, M/M Ernest Veron, M/M Joseph
Lambert & Sylvia, Souls in Purgatory, Floyd & Eunice
Berthelot, Kenny Pham, Russel & Stella Bourgeois,
Myrrh Poche, Milton & Elsie Martin, Nolan & Carol
Marse, M/M Henry Arceneaux Sr., Roland J. Roussel,
Emily Boudreaux, Brent J. Louque, Dennis Matherne,
Florence Bourgeois, Emily Boudreaux,

John W. Lowman Jr. 6:00 p.m. (G)

James O'Neil Steib Sr., Matthew P. Daigle, Rita & Amedee Boe, Yvonne & Scotty Bourgeois, Souls in Purgatory, Donald Blank

# READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Let's pretend we're looking through a "blind" eye with a log stuck in it. You see how good you are compared to everybody else. You see other people stuck in sin, and you avoid them or hurt them with your words. Now let's take that log out and look through a good eye. You see your own sins, and you know you need God's kindness and forgiveness. You see other people stuck in sin, and you show God's kindness and forgiveness to them.

#### PRAYER

God, keep my eyes open to see my sins and your kindness. Give me a good heart.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When you catch someone in sin (stealing, lying, using hurtful words) be kind. Remember your own sins, and show God's forgiveness.

# KIDS CORNER

#### Unscramble the words from today's Gospel:

blind heart good	lead words bad	log eye fruit
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leda		
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bda		
godo		
firtu		
wrosd		
harte		







## A Call To Reflect & Respond

#### First Reading:

Sirach teaches that much is revealed about someone in how they speak.

How conscious are you about weighing your words with others?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus' resurrection taking away the "sting" and "victory" of death itself.

In what ways have you experienced this reality in the death of loved ones in your life?

Gospel:

Jesus challenges his disciples to exercise humility towards others and to bear good fruit with their lives. *Can you cite examples of how you follow these commands of Jesus in your own life?* 

# ARE NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES REAL?

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an

afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways. On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-



of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and

thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

#### Planted in the House of the Lord

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow.

#### 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBER, CHRISTIANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE HONEST BUT KIND — SO WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MY NEW PIZZA RECIPE?





All of today's readings
remind us that our works
reflect what is in our hearts.
Do my word and actions
reveal a heart that is grateful
for-and generous in
sharing-the abundance God
has poured into my life?



"The Lord called me before I was born." Do you pray to know your vocation which was given to you before you were born? Could it be as a

priest, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

# TO DONATIONS.

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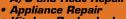
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