

# St. Genevieve Catholic Church

March 14, 2021



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## DAILY MASSES:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12:00 Noon  
*Confessions 11:10—11:45 am*  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am  
*No Confessions*

## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday ~ 4:00 & 6:00 pm  
*Confessions 3:00—3:45 pm & 5:10—5:45 pm*  
Sunday~8:00 am, 10:00 am and Noon  
*Confessions 7:10—7:45 am, 9:10—9:45 am & 11:10—11:45 am*

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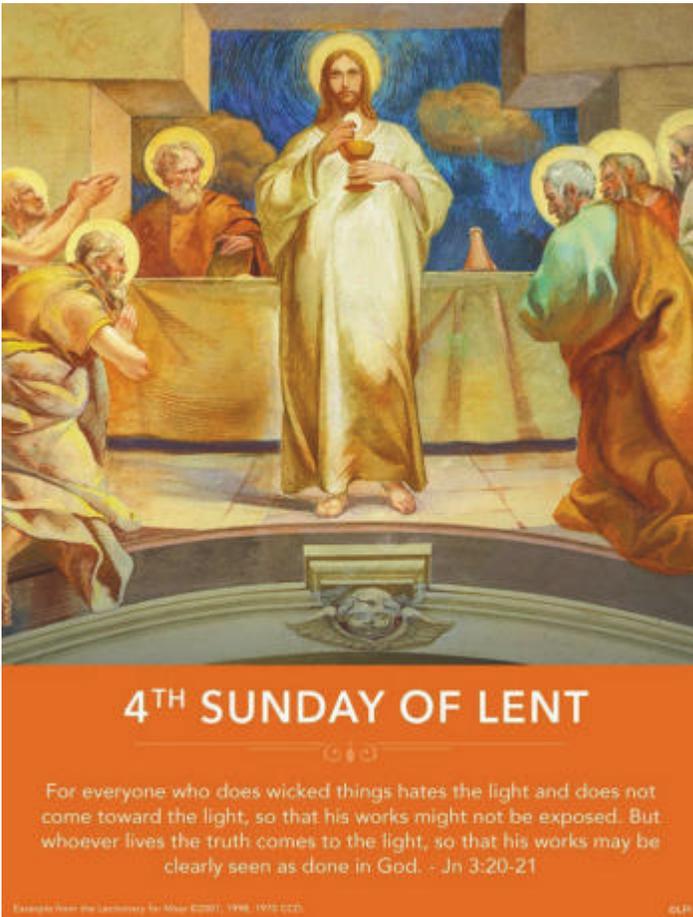
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**Therese A. Delahoussaye**

March 7th — March 20th



**Monday, March 15th**

12:00 Noon Mass: *Brenda F. Knight, Francis L. Knight, Beatrice F. Figueron*

**Tuesday, March 16th**

8:30 am Mass: *Special Intentions*

**Wednesday, March 17th**

12:00 Noon Mass: *Melvin E. Kling (Wedd. Annv.) and the Souls in Purgatory, W.B. Tobin, Jr. (Annv. Of Death) Mrs. W. B. Tobin, Jr., Denise Hughes, Brenda F. Knight, Francis L. Knight, Beatrice F. Figueron*

**Thursday, March 18th**

8:30 am Mass: *Special Intentions*

**Friday, March 19th**

12:00 Noon Mass: *Brenda F. Knight, Francis L. Knight, Beatrice F. Figueron, Jack W. Granger*

**Saturday, March 20th**

4:00 pm & 6:00 pm Masses: *Benoit Guidry (3rd Annv. Of Death), Leon Recard, Josephine M. Chenevert, John Harry Chenevert, Sr.*

**Sunday, March 21st**

8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon Masses: *Mary Jenkins David, Richard D. Hudson, Joyce F. & Warren J. Stutes, Anna Mandado Vega Vondenstein, Dominic Vega, Hubert Vondenstein, Melvin E. Kling and the Souls in Purgatory, Julie & Wilton Wyble, Enola & Ludovic Guidry, David Family, Jenkins Family, James A. Daspit, Jr., Thomas W. Daspit, Sidney Gravouia*

*\*If a name is not printed due to human error, be assured God has received intention in heaven ~ Canon Law 945*

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS**

*February 21, 2021*

|                          |      |               |
|--------------------------|------|---------------|
| <i>Offertory</i>         | \$   | 5,269.00      |
| <i>Ash Wednesday</i>     | \$   | 999.00        |
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# GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 14, 2021...Fourth Sunday of Lent



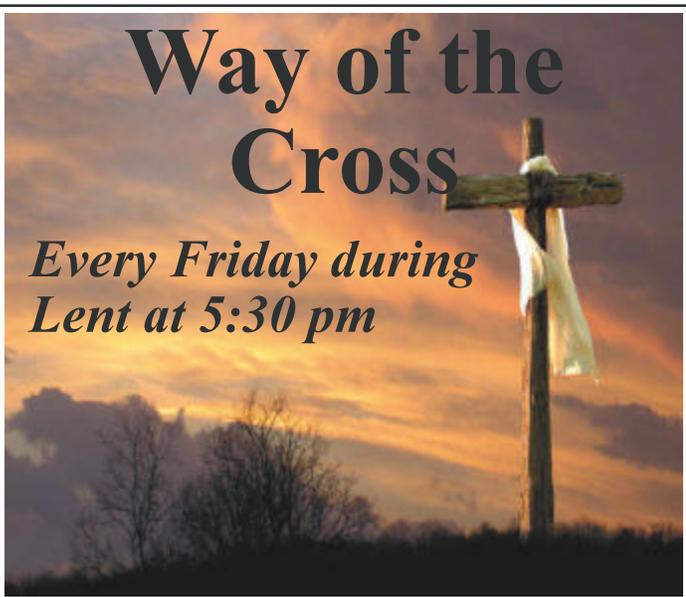
Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

## Way of the Cross

Every Friday during  
Lent at 5:30 pm



### **DUE TO COVID-19**

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*Office Hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
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Contact Staff via:

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or

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## *Interested in joining St. Genevieve Church Parish?*

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another.

Listed below are (2) main reasons you may want to consider registering with our Parish:

*In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered parishioner.*

*For religious education instruction and Sacramental preparation, the families of those attending must also be registered parishioners.*

If you would like to register, please call, email or log on to our website.

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The word “*Tenebrae*” is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. This is not a happy topic, but without His death, there would be no resurrection. Before we reach Easter, we need to understand Good Friday. This service is loosely based on the Good Friday “Tenebrae” services that date back to early church history. There are seven “shadows” that represent seven stages of the Good Friday events. At each stage, there will be scripture read, time for reflection

and silent prayer and then a song sung or an instrumental played. The scripture will consist of an Old Testament prophetic scripture, a New Testament scripture and the gospel narrative that describes ones of the Good Friday events.

The Tenebrae service starts out with the church in candlelight. There are as many candles as there are readings, plus a white Christ candle. At each stage, a candle will be extinguished, until all the candles are extinguished except the Christ candle. Lastly, the Christ candle is put out, leaving the congregation in near total darkness. At this point, the service ends. There is no benediction and the people leave in silence. (The lights are turned up but remain dim so that people can see their way out.)

This is a somber service, with time for reflection on the betrayal, abandonment and sufferings of Christ: and it is left unfinished, because the story is not over until Easter Sunday.

### **BAPTISMS:**

Baptism is celebrated once a month at St. Genevieve Church. Diocesan policy requires attendance of a Baptismal preparation course for first time parents, who must be registered at St. Genevieve or live in the boundaries of our parish. You may attend the class as early as possible. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Parish Office for details. Classes & Baptisms follow Noon Mass on Sundays.

\*Dates are subject to change

#### **2021 Baptism Preparation Classes\***

*March 7th, April 11th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 4th, August 1st  
September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th*

#### **2021 Baptism Dates\***

*March 14th, April 18th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th  
September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 12th*

### **MARRIAGES:**

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule an appointment and begin the preparation process.

### **FUNERALS:**

When making funeral arrangements, one must make arrangements with the priest before contacting and finalizing arrangements with the funeral home.



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*Bishop Douglas Deshotel issued the following statement today (March 2, 2021) on the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.*

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to ravage populations around the globe. Worldwide over 2.5 million have died. In the United States the death toll is over half a million, with Louisiana's approaching 10,000. Thankfully, vaccines have been developed to reduce the spread and effects of this virulent killer.

As I announced in a previous communication, "Vaccines are now being made available to various groups throughout the United States. I have reviewed these remedies along with the Bishops of the United States and we have determined, reinforced by the Holy Father Pope Francis, that receiving the new Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are justifiable and morally acceptable ways to help end this pandemic. Being vaccinated should be considered as an act of charity toward others in our communities. I encourage all of the faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette to take this moral evaluation to heart as you make your decision to receive the coronavirus vaccinations as they become available."

I continue to encourage everyone to receive a vaccination, but the new vaccine from Johnson & Johnson has some moral concerns we must acknowledge. Unlike the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, Johnson & Johnson uses a line of stem cells procured from abortions performed over 30 years ago in the production of its vaccine. To the question of whether a person should receive this vaccine in good conscience the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith stated on December 21, 2020,

"All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.....the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good."

"In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed."

This mirrors the teaching of Pope Benedict XVI in *Dignitas Personae*.

Given our present situation and the need to protect ourselves and one another from this virus, my guidance to the faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette is to accept as your first choices the vaccines created by Pfizer and Moderna, but if for any reasonable circumstance you are only able to receive the vaccine from Johnson & Johnson, you should feel free to do so for your safety and for the common good. In addition, I have consulted with Catholic health care representatives, and I understand and appreciate their serious challenges as to the acquisition and equitable distribution of all three vaccines. I therefore support their policy of administering any of the vaccines as circumstances require.

Again, as I have stated in my original letter to the Diocese, "I encourage all of the faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette to take this moral evaluation to heart as you make your decision to receive the coronavirus vaccinations as they become available."

With Hope in the Lord,  
+J. Douglas Deshotel  
Bishop of Lafayette



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Phillip Parker  
Grand Knight, Council 3202  
philpark@bellsouth.net

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

**Palm Sunday, March 28th to Easter Sunday, April 4th**

### Vigil & Palm Sunday, March 27th & 28th Masses

Vigil: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon

Monday, March 29th—Mass at 12 Noon  
Tuesday, March 30th—Mass at 8:30 am  
Wednesday, March 31st—Mass at 12 Noon



### Tenebrae, Wednesday, March 31st at 6:00 pm in Church

*Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. It consists of scripture readings, time for reflection, silent prayer, song or instrumental.*

### Holy Thursday, April 1st Mass (No Confession Tonight)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:00 pm  
Adoration is from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

### Good Friday, April 2nd Services (No Confession Today)

Way of the Cross: 2:00 pm  
Passion of the Lord, Adoration of the Holy Cross & Holy Communion: 3:00 pm



### EASTER MASSES: (No Confessions this weekend)

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil (April 3rd): 8:00 pm  
Easter Sunday—(April 4th): 8:00 am & 10 am

**ST. GENEVIEVE SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS**

| <b>Date</b>                         | <b>Priest</b><br><i>(subject to change)</i> | <b>Extraordinary Ministers</b><br><i>uscgb.org-Media-Audio-Daily Readings-Podcasts (to listen to the daily readings)</i> | <b>Readers</b>    | <b>Altar Servers</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday,<br>March 20th<br>4:00 pm  | Rev. Brian J. Taylor                        |  | Agnes Malveaux    |                      |
| Saturday,<br>March 20th<br>6:00 pm  | Rev. Brian J. Taylor                        |  | Melinda Hebert    |                      |
| Sunday,<br>March 21st<br>8:00 am    | Rev. Brian J. Taylor                        |  | Agnes Malveaux    |                      |
| Sunday,<br>March 21st<br>10:00 am   | Rev. Brian J. Taylor                        |  | Simone Degeytaire |                      |
| Sunday,<br>March 21st<br>12:00 Noon | Rev. Brian J. Taylor                        |  | Tim Morgan        |                      |

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