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A Redemptorist Family



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 2021

WHAT IS LENT

“Repent and believe in the Gospel” is the invitation from God for us throughout our lives, especially during Lent. On Ash Wednesday (February 17) we will come to church to receive ashes to be reminded again by God to examine our conscience and Christian life, to change our sinful life and believe in the Good News of God.

God loves us so much that God wants us to be the best version of who we are in God's image and likeness. I believe the Word of God will help us to clear our mind and listen to God's voice much more easily. God's hope and mercy are abundantly blessed upon us if we are ready to receive. May God bless your journey of Lent. Please check the schedule below to participate in God's Blessings fully.

A Holy Plan for Lenten and Easter Season 2021

This year we are so happy to have a very rich season for us to participate and enrich our Christian faith:

- ✦ **Daily Masses** at 9am in church
- ✦ **The Word Made Flesh** at 5:30pm every Thursday in Seelos Hall
- ✦ **The Gospel of Hope** on ZOOM every Wednesday at 7pm
- ✦ **The Way of the Cross** at Noon every Friday
- ✦ **Divine Mercy Devotion** (March 12, 19, 26, April 11 at 5:30pm)
- ✦ **Confession** is available during Divine Mercy Devotion

If you can't do all these please take the booklet “The Word Among Us” to read the word and reflection of everyday.



Congratulations and Thank You!



Tosha Sideboard - 10 years
Terrell Burks - 15 yrs.
Vickie Tillman - 15 yrs.

Cindy Rivet - 20 yrs.
Diane Pitcher - 25 yrs.

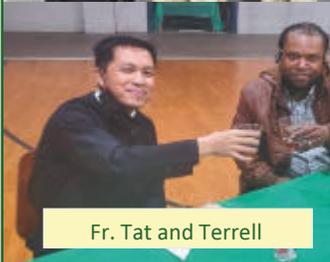
James E. Richard
Distinguished Graduate



Fr. Tat, Diane and Vickie



Tosha and Cindy with family



Fr. Tat and Terrell



Lolita Johnson-Duperon and her students



Jim's family



Jim Richard, Friends of RSG

Striving for Excellence through the "Power of God's Grace"

As an educator here at Redemptorist St. Gerard, I am elated to be a part of a hardworking, motivated, and dedicated group of educators. During this time of the Pandemic of Covid-19 each day we have been confronted with new challenges. We've had the task of trying to keep some form of normality in the classroom and at home utilizing technology through virtual learning.

I began the semester with only 6 children in my classroom. The remaining 11 were assigned online with Google Classroom. Needless to say in spite of the uncertainties, tiredness, frustration and many other challenges that online learning presented to us, I knew that I had to press forward and dig deeper. I learned that a true "Teacher of the Heart" will never give up on her students. I strongly believe that like a clergyman, a teacher has been gifted with a calling or an assignment from God. In spite of the obstacles I began to pray for the faculty, staff, parents and students, as well as myself. Time passed and slowly my students began to trickle into class. I can distinctly remember how we would rejoice each time a student would return. Many students were fearful in returning back to school because they didn't really know what to expect. Therefore, we would make that child feel extra special for that day and reassure that they were truly in a safe place. By the end of the first 9 weeks all of my students had returned and we were like a family once again.

As I contemplate on Black History month during the month of February, I am truly proud to be an African American Educator. During Covid-19 all teachers have truly played a prevalent role in the lives of our students. In an African American Community our ability to influence, inspire, mold and shape the minds of our students impacts them in a different way. Children are imitators of what they see. When they see differently then their mindsets begin to think differently. They often search for a reflection of themselves within others. They often seek out someone to whom they may connect or relate with. Someone that will understand their struggles, needs, hopes and their dreams. It lunges them into hope and propels them forward to reach for better tomorrows. As many former legendary African American Educators paved the way for me, I also strive daily to become a positive example of what my students can be or help them to find positive examples on their own in order to build a successful future.

My greatest desire for Redemptorist St Gerard is that one day we all will be able to come together as a community and re-establish the greatness that Redemptorist St. Gerard once had as a learning institution. I am trusting that education will become a major priority in all homes and that school pride will excel to new and even greater heights. I strongly believe that we are our brothers' keeper and I trust that as we continue to strive for excellence, we will reach our goals through the "Power of God's Grace"! - Lolita Johnson-Duperon 2nd Grade RSG Educator

Reading I Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Reading II 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God,

just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

6th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

2/14/21

"If you wish, you can
make me clean."

Mark 1:40-45

Announcements

Beginning Ash Wednesday join Father Tat for **The Gospel of Hope** weekly via Zoom for a Bible sharing and living to deepen your life with Jesus and become God's disciple today. If you are interested, please contact the Church office to give your email and telephone number. Call 225.355-2553 or email stgerard@diobr.org.



The Collection next Sunday 2/21/21 is for Black and Indian Missions. This mission exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

A special thank you for a very generous donation this week from an anonymous donor. St. Gerard's Church is so grateful for all of your contributions to our Parish. If you would like more information on including St. Gerard or Redemptorists in your estate planning, please contact the church office for more information.



Do you need something Notarized? Cindy Thibodeaux in the Church office is an attorney and notary public. There is no fee for the service but we will gladly accept a donation to our Parish.

Happy Valentine's Day! As Christ taught us, love one another as you love yourselves. Make your love real and everlasting.



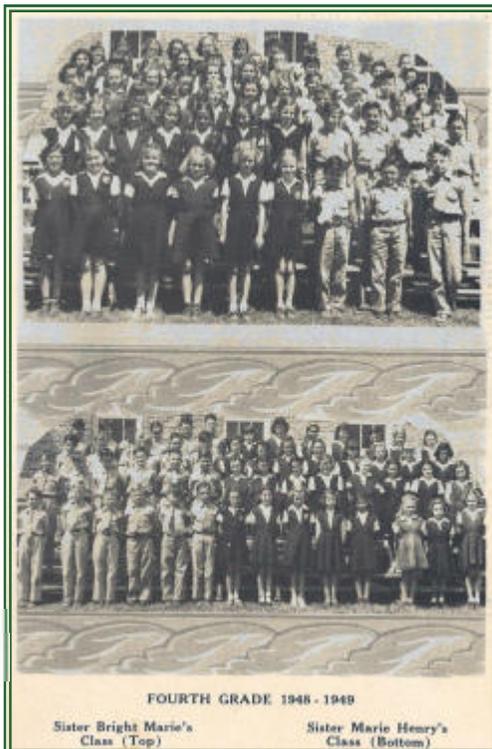
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Weekly Collection Totals:

Date of Collection: February 6-7, 2021	
Regular Collection:	\$ 2,076.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 25,380.00
Sacramental Offerings	\$ 311.00
Special Collection	\$ 372.00
Total Collected:	\$28,139.00

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Mass & Ministries

Monday, 2/15	Weekday
9:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
Tuesday, 2/16	Mardi Gras
9:00 a.m.	Novena of our Mother of Perpetual Help
9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving and Peace for the Hang's Family
Wednesday, 2/17	Ash Wednesday
9:00 a.m.	Flo & Courtney Carr
6:00 p.m.	Special Intentions
7:00 p.m.	The Gospel of Hope on ZOOM
Thursday, 2/18	Lent
8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m.	Special Intentions
5:30 p.m.	THE WORD MADE FLESH (Seelos Hall)
Friday, 2/19	Lent
9:00 a.m.	Mildred and Ross Peret
12:00 p.m.	The Way of the Cross
11-1 p.m.	FEEDING THE POOR (Seelos Hall)
Saturday, 2/20	Lent
4:00 p.m.	Jordan Boudreaux
Sunday, 2/21	First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	People of St. Gerard
10:00 a.m.	Adams, Barbier & Delapasse Families; Carmen & Edward Poret; Agnes, Wallace, Lillian & Linda Lambert, The Jones & Monte Families

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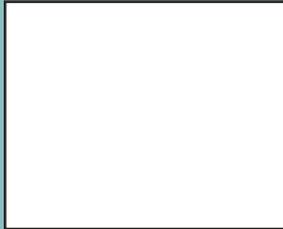
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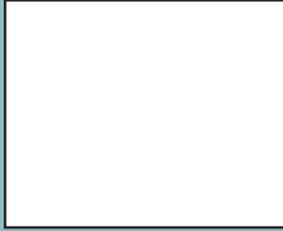
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