THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

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LENT MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux until further notice.

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners
Sunday 8:00 AM | in church
Sunday 10:30 AM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners
Sunday 5:30 PM | in church

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday 5:30 PM
Thursday 12:10 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS | FRIDAY 6:00 PM

CONFESSION: St. Jude Chapel prior to all masses

ADORATION | Tuesday 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL (Stephensville)
Saturday 4:00 PM Confession prior to mass.

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Calendar of Events

READING 1 EXODUS 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye. **R.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just. **R.**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb. **R.**

READING II 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL JOHN 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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- Hand sanitizer is available. You may also bring your own sanitizers. Please leave kneelers down for ease in sanitizing after mass.
- Please receive Communion on your hand, holding it out flatly so that the priest can distribute without contact.
- There will be no offertory procession. Place your offerings in the designated baskets as you arrive or depart Mass. You may also set up recurring payments at holycrossmc.org/giving or use our PayPal and Venmo @holycrossmc to support the church.
- We respectfully ask that there be no congregating within the church.

Entrance Antiphon
Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. Hide not your face from me.

Kyrie
Kýrie, eléison, Kýrie, eléison
Christe eléison, Christe eléison
Kýrie, eléison, Kýrie, eléison

The Nicene Creed
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.

Offertory Antiphon
Praise the Lord, for he is good. Sing a psalm to his name, for he is delightful. The Lord does whatever he wills, in heaven and on earth.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis. Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

The Mystery of Faith
Mortem tuam anuntiamus Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confetemur, donec venias.

Lamb of God
Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis,
Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis,
Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccáta mundi: dona nobis pacem

Communion Antiphon
This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

TO THE PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE

Good and gracious God,

You call all your children
to a life of holiness
and to faithfully follow you.

You continue to provide
for the needs of the faithful
by calling men and women by name
to lead your Church.

Bless our parish, Holy Cross,
and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
by raising up dedicated and
generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve your people
as priests and in consecrated life.

Inspire us to know you better
and to hear your call.

We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EASTER MEMORIALS

To make a donation for Easter flowers and decorations in memory of a deceased loved one, please use the envelopes found in church foyer. Place the envelope in the Collection Baskets or send to the parish office by Wednesday, March 24.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Spring Forward on Sunday, March 14! Set your clocks one hour forward.

OPERATION LENT

Help Holy Cross Parish supply St. Mary Outreach with needed items this Lent! Please place suggested items in the baskets at church entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

- First Week of Lent - February 20-21:

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

- Second Week of Lent - February 27-28:

Shampoos, Conditioners, Deodorants, Lotions

- **Third Week of Lent - March 6-7:**

Underwear and socks for men, women and children

- Fourth Week of Lent - March 13-14:

Soups and Canned Meats

- Fifth Week of Lent - March 20-21:

Children's pajamas

2021 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL THANK YOU!

Bishop Fabre, Father Brice, Father Brett, and the ministries of the diocese would like to thank everyone in Holy Cross Parish for answering the call of prayers and generosity to the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Each gift our diocese received directly supports

- 11 Seminarians' education
- Caring for our 17 retired priests
- Youth formation and religious education
- Catholic education through our Catholic Schools Office.

Thus far Holy Cross Parish parish has reached 33.22% of its appeal goal!

If you have yet to make your commitment, there is still time to return your commitment card in the offertory or mail it to the diocese in the provided envelope. You may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal.

For more information about the 2021 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3122 or email nbernard@htdiocese.org

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. All parishioners 18-60 years of age are required to fast and abstain from meat unless prevented by ill health, pregnancy, or nursing. Additionally, all Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

PARISH NEWS

40 DAYS: A LENT ENCOUNTER

Our third Encounter Night will take place this Wednesday March 10 from 6:30-8:30 PM in church and will include a message from Father Brice, time for adoration, and opportunity for confession. Feel free to come for any time you have available, especially for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Music will be provided by Hallie Autin.

CHURCH BUILDING: MYSTICAL PART I

We've now taken a look at the physical aspects of the church which help us to sanctify ourselves and glorify the Lord. But just as we are both body and soul, so too the Church is both her physical attributes and her spiritual worship. Studying the prayers of the Church and praying them with the same fervor gives us a glimpse into heaven as well. As the words of the Bride call with longing to the Bridegroom, the prayer of the priest and of the priestly people calls to God; and God answers in his descent into the liturgical action. There is no uncertainty in this: God has promised that he will always be present to us through the liturgical action, whether we are conscious of it or not.

"PRAYING ACTUALIZES AND DEEPENS OUR COMMUNION WITH GOD. OUR PRAYER CAN AND SHOULD ARISE ABOVE ALL FROM OUR HEART, FROM OUR NEEDS, OUR HOPES, OUR JOYS, OUR SUFFERINGS, FROM OUR SHAME OVER SIN, AND FROM OUR GRATITUDE FROM THE GOOD. IT CAN AND SHOULD BE A WHOLLY PERSONAL PRAYER."

- POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI-

REFLECTION:

- Do I enter fully into the prayer of the liturgy whenever possible?
- Do I pay attention to particular phrases and meditate on them?
- Can I learn to focus this Lent on this mystical nature of the Church which brings me into communion with Christ?

Jennifer Ely and Brice Higginbotham, *Liturgia*, (Unpublished).

MARY FRANCES CALI

YOUTH FORMATION

PATTERSON, LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross? Youth Formation mentor for first grade
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The culture and the sights. I love driving around and looking at plantation homes and the beautiful trees that grow here.
- Favorite saint: Saint Therese of Lisieux - she always strived for holiness in little ways and was known for her simplicity.
- A bucket list item: Visit the Vatican
- Favorite holiday: Christmas - the preparations are always fun and the Mass and time with family fill me with peace and warmth
- Favorite hymn: Living Hope and Till I Found You by Phil Wickham
- Favorite Christmas movie: A Christmas prince
- Favorite pizza topping: Just cheese, sometimes bacon
- Favorite Team Sport: Softball
- Favorite book: To Kill a Mockingbird - the author's writing style was witty and grabbed my attention. Atticus Finch was my favorite character.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: Jesus Christ-why not? What better thing to do than interact with the Word made flesh? The Blessed Mother-I've always wanted to know what her personality was like. We don't hear much about her personality in the Bible. Pope John Paul II-He is such a cool pope. Plus I think he would enjoy dining with Jesus and Mary.
- What do you think heaven is like? An ecstasy that our soul will never experience on Earth because we encounter Love Himself face to face.

LORI JO CASE

LECTOR

MORGAN CITY, LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross? Lector, Children's Church, and Homebound Eucharistic Minister
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The charm and charisma of the people and the many festivals that celebrate the unique and abundant resources God has blessed our state with. The food is absolutely delicious too - the spicier the better.
- Favorite saint: St. Maria Goretti - her unwavering strength in her purity and her ability to die forgiving her attacker, Alessandro. And St. Gianna Molla-her strong sense of being pro-life and valuing the unborn no matter what. She refused an abortion knowing that it could jeopardize her health and result in her death.
- Bucket list: Italy and concentration camps in Germany
- Favorite holiday: Dia de Los Mueros-I love the beautiful celebration of praying for and remembering our loved ones who have gone before us. And Valentine's Day-it's a day to spread love and let people know how valuable and special they are to you, and it's my anniversary!
- Favorite book: The Tattooist of Auschwitz-the innocent Jewish people's courage and endurance to love, hope, and endure in the midst of one of the worst atrocities in history is inspiring and extraordinary to me.
- Invite people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: All 4 of my grandparents and my great aunt because I would love to spend more time with them. Jackie Kennedy to ask her questions about Camelot and her life. My Mimi would cook a big pot of Italian spaghetti. She was the best cook ever.
- What do you think heaven is like? Beyond my most perfect and wildest dreams

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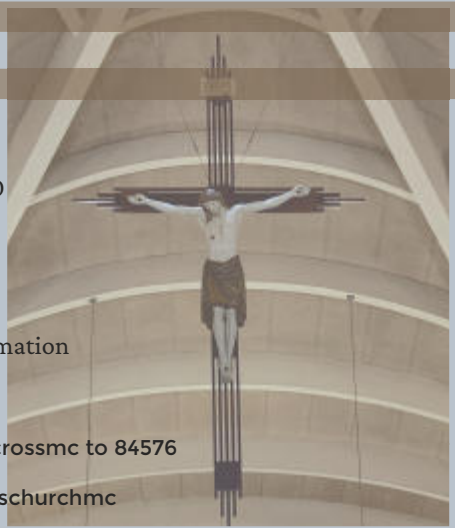

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SACRAMENTS
Baptism: 3rd Sunday of each month.
Matrimony: Register on our website 8-12 months prior to marriage.

PARISH REGISTATION

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Joe Young, Lee J. Guarisco, Paul & Marie Vella, Louis J. "Billy" & Pat Adams Family living & deceased, Barbara Russell, Harold Smith, Sr., Rocky Guarisco, Patience LaFleur Bryant, Michael S. LaFleur, Rowena LaFleur
St. Rosalie: Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Rudy Mendoza, Roland J. Barras, R. L. & Edith LeBlanc, Barbara Greer, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Maria Thi, Dominico Hien, Agnes K. Robicheaux, Rose Weber, Leonard Weber, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Kevin Collins, Albert Mason, Sr., Dorothy Angell, Nelson & Eldred Durocher

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Lynn & Rita Bernucho Families living & deceased, Boudreaux/Stewart Families, Catherine Brown, Beth Finley, Charlie Roy, Charlie Garber, Chuck Garber, Miles Taylor

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Patsy Haeuber, Austin Adams Family, Georgia Carbin

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Jude Hebert, Sarah Castalano, Beatrice Castalano, Kirby Arceneaux, Kevin Collins, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Maria Thi, Dominico Hien

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ashlee Jimenez, Jerry Acosta Jr., Gwen Trahan, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Gary Vining, Jane Webster, Lucy Lacasse, Carol Bergeron, Herverd Martin, Rella Fontenot, Andrea Turner, Ferris and Margaret Romaire, Bobby Acosta, Ellen Ruiz, Gunnar Tisdale, Pearl Haase, Alanna Sloane, Gunner Tisdale, and everyone affected by Covid-19.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (985-384-3551) OR REPLY TO THE WEEKLY EMAIL TO PLACE SOMEONE ON THE SICK LIST.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: MARCH 6-7

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Camille Izaguirre
Bulletins: Camille Izaguirre
Usher: James Hale
Sanitizer: Jolene Holt

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Tony Saleme
Bulletins: Ray Prestenbach
Usher: Thaddeus Marcell
Sanitizer: Ray Presetenbach

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Claire Guarisco
Bulletins: Mary Shannon
Usher: David Irwin
Sanitizer: Peggy Lafleur

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Colleen Hunter
Bulletins: Colleen Hunter
Usher: Nathan Rhodes
Sanitizer: Nathan Rhodes

WEEKEND OF: MARCH 13-14

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Andrea Ziegenbusch
Bulletins: Andrea Ziegenbusch
Usher: Melina Michel
Sanitizer: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas
Bulletins: Kendra Thomas
Usher: Thaddeus Marcell
Sanitizer: Jennifer Young

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Vera Judycki
Bulletins: Shelly Morell, Maria Barbier
Usher: Randy Aulds
Sanitizers: Lynette and Randy Aulds

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Catherine Nini
Bulletins: Selena Shannon
Usher: Nathan Rhodes
Sanitizer: Christine Myers

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 27-28

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Loose	555.00
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