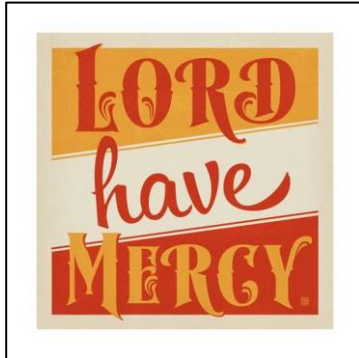


St. Charles Borromeo Church

Sunday, March 24, 2019

The Third Sunday of Lent

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“I have witnessed the affliction of my people.”

(Exodus 3:7)

On Ash Wednesday, we began Lent with the age-old call to repentance: “Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning” (Joel 2:12). That theme continues in today’s second reading and Gospel. But the first reading is something different. It’s not about our need to repent; it’s about God’s free, overflowing mercy.

For the children of Abraham, God’s mercy came in the form of release from slavery in Egypt. For us, that mercy comes in the form of release from slavery to sin.

God showed mercy and grace to the Israelites, not because they were perfect, but because they were his people and he cared for them. Likewise, he shows mercy to us because we are his children, and he doesn’t want to see us bound in sin.

Exodus was just the beginning too. From age to age, God has shown himself to be merciful toward his people. He told Moses that this is how he should always be remembered: “The Lord, the Lord, a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity” (Exodus 34:6). Other prophets then continued the teaching, always referring to God as “gracious and merciful” (Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2). Even the psalms praise God’s mercy repeatedly.

When Jesus came, he focused his ministry on the mercy and graciousness of his heavenly Father as well (Matthew 5:7; Luke 6:36; 10:37). But even more important, he showed himself to be the very mercy of God. He refused to condemn a woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11). He welcomed tax collectors and sinners as disciples (Luke 15:1-2). And best of all, he promised the thief on the cross, “Today you will be with me in Paradise” (23:43).

It’s no wonder that one of the most common sentences Jesus heard while he was on earth was “Have mercy on me!” It’s a prayer he cannot help but answer!

“Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.”

The Word Among Us – Daily Meditation (March 24, 2019)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon...., 3/25 - NO MASS – Solomnity of The Annunciation of the Lord

Tues....., 3/26 - 7:30 A.M. MASS – Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; William "Bill" Nezzio

Wed....., 3/27 – 7:30 A.M. MASS – Special Intention; Arthur Richard & Family; Carolyn Bourgeois (B); Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Memorial Society

Thurs....., 3/28 – 7:30 A.M. MASS – Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Lorna Ann R. Gaubert (B); Louis Gaubert (DA); Theresa Sampey (B)

Fri....., 3/29 - 6:00 P.M. - *Mass & Way of the Cross* – Freddie Pierce; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Philip Barrios; Ronnie Sampey (B)

Sat....., 3/30 - 4:00 P.M. – *Vigil Mass of The Fourth Sunday of Lent:* Albin & Ida Clement; Betty Theriot; Boudreaux Family; Bourgeois Family; Dupuis Family; Ces & Rena Zeringue; Yvonne & Charley Plaisance; Gene Nichols; Mike (DA-3/31) & Nita Zeringue; Dolores Plaisance Babin; Charles & Nell Zeringue; Donatien & Kate Danos; Frank & Edna Weimer; Gautreaux & Richard Families; George, Louise & Marcella Bourgeois; Freddie Pierce; Gilbert "Chief" Knoblock; Tammy Knoblock Touts; Hugh & Irene Rodriguez; Josephine & Roy Foret & Allen; Joyce B. Danos; Jules R. Quatrevingt; Lydia F. Folse; M/M Alcee L. Zeringue (Her B); M/M Alcide Barrios & Family; A.J., Roy & Philip; Marguerite & Euel J. Zeringue; Myra Blanchard; P.J. Zeringue; Ramona Marie Pierce; Richard E. LeBlanc Jr.; Ronnie Sampey; Roy Bourgeois; Ruth Marie Trosclair; Edward Trosclair Sr.; Leonce & Ruth Thibodaux & Sons & "Chinie"; Sally Thibodaux; Stone Savoy; Wilbert Dufrene; Ashley Dufrene; Beth Dufrene; Thomas & Gertie (DA-4/4) Zeringue; Val Hart; Velma & Scuddy Hebert; Betty Ann Hebert; Violet Bilello (B); Warren LeBlanc; William "Bill" Nezzio

Sun....., 3/31 - 7:30 A.M. – *The Fourth Sunday of Lent:* Benson Plaisance Jr.; M/M Benson Plaisance Sr.; Brenda S. Griffin; Carroll Ascosta Sr.; Eddie Duet; Edward Comeaux Jr.; Jules Quatrevingt; Fred & Ruby Hebert; Freddie Pierce; Gabriella Weimer Melancon; Wilson J. Melancon; Myra Blanchard; Harry A. Griffin Sr.; Helen Schexnaydre; Joy Lynn Naquin; Jules J. & Jeanne L. Ball; Michael Trosclair; Michael Poussard; Brandon Courteaux; Linda Kliebert; Louis & Inez Devillier; Patricia & Cherry Devillier; M/M Jessie Pierce Sr.; M/M Roy Ledet; Milton Ledet; Marguerite Thibodaux; Harry Becnel; Olga L. Robichaux; Philip & Goldie Weimer; Pierce, Babin & Boudreaux Families; Ralph Melancon; Raoul Bourgeois Jr.; Juanita Bourgeois; Ronald Picou; Fred Weimer; Kenneth Adams; Samuel Gregory Boudreaux (B); Wilbur J. Brown & Ethlyn "Toot" Brown; William "Bill" Nezzio; Mary W. & Dave J. Robichaux; Hazel & Chester Boudreaux; Chester Boudreaux Jr.

Sun....., 3/31 - 10:00 A.M. – *The Fourth Sunday of Lent:* Betty L. Benoit; Christine Martin; Madison A. Lagarde; Constancio "Camoy" Izaguirre Jr.; Jose Lara; David "L.J." Lagarde Jr.; Gaudet & Theriot Families; Irvin & Marie Prejeant; George & Bernice Whitman; Joseph Lagarde Sr.; Dorothy (Dot) Lagarde; Beverly L. Breaux; Coleen Cuneo; Stephen Gossen; K.C. Touts DVM; Kerry Robichaux; Myra Blanchard; Poor Souls in Purgatory; Joseph E. Blanchard Jr.; Ray Weimer Jr.; William "Bill" Champagne; Billy Champagne; William "Bill" Lyles

DATES, TIMES & PLACES

❖ 24/7 – Perpetual Adoration (*Chapel*)

Mon..., 3/25 – **NO MASS**

6:00 P.M. – CCD Class (*1st-9th Grades*)

Tues..., 3/26 - 7:30 A.M. - **MASS** (*Chapel*)

6:00 P.M. – Witness/Music Night (*Church*)

Wed..., 3/27 - 7:30 A.M. – **MASS/Novena** (*Chapel*)

10:00 A.M. – Rosary (*Chapel*) *All are welcomed!*

Thurs..., 3/28 - 7:30 A.M. - **MASS** (*Chapel*)

Fri..., 3/29 - 8:00 A.M. – Communion Calls

6:00 P.M. – **MASS/Way of the Cross** (*Church*)

PLEASE NOTE: *There will be **NO** 7:30 A.M. Mass during Lent.*

Sat/Sun..., 3/30-31 – Catholic Relief Services Collection (*Only one basket will be passed.*)

Sat..., 3/30 - 4:00 P.M. – **Vigil Mass**

Sun..., 3/31 - 7:30 A.M. – **MASS**

10:00 A.M. – **MASS/Children's Liturgy**



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

will be in the home

Anna Mae Labat

On 3/27-4/3/2019

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHURCH) IN MEMORY OF: (3/22-28)

William Ockman (B); Marcel Richard (B-3/25); Mary Jane Taylor

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE (IN CHAPEL) IN MEMORY OF: (3/22-28)

Deceased Members of KC Council #12060

MISSALETTES IN MEMORY OF: (3/22-28)

Joy Lynn Naquin

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT (March 16-17, 2019)

\$3,359.00 In 104 Envelopes

580.00 Loose

\$3,939.00 Total

Add'l. Ash Wednesday Collection: \$20.00



Add'l. Black & Indian Mission: \$17.00
St. Anthony: \$42.00



Catholic Relief Services Collection

Catholic Relief Services work with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture and access affordable health care.

Let's put our faith into action to help the world's poorest create lasting change. The CRS Collection will be next weekend, March 30-31st. Only one basket will be passed. Thank you in advance in helping Jesus in disguise!

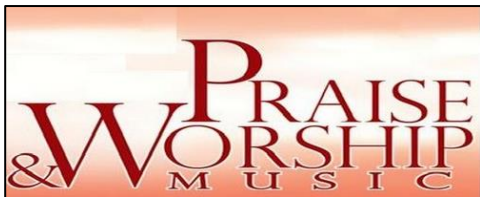
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MONDAY (3/25):	Is 7:10-14; 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
TUESDAY (3/26):	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY (3/27):	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY (3/28):	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY (3/29):	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY (3/30):	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
SAT/SUNDAY (3/30-31):	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



BIBLE VERSE OF THIS WEEK:

“God replied, ‘I am who am.’” (Exodus 3:14)



WITNESS/MUSIC NIGHT

Our Witness/Music Night of Praise will be in Church this **Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00 P.M.** This is a night of personal testimonies of faith along with inspirational music for your meditation. Come, with open hearts to receive the message of God, through his people and through song. Refreshments will be served afterwards. *All are welcome!*



ATTENTION, All Extraordinary Ministers!

DEPUTING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

There will be a mandatory workshop for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, April 6th from 8:00 – 12:00 Noon in MFLC. Please save the date on your calendar and

plan to attend.

If a person is not able to attend this workshop and would like to continue to serve as a minister of communion, please contact the parish office and we will make arrangements for you to attend one of the other workshops around the Diocese.



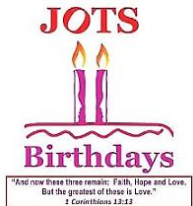
YOUTH RAFFLE

The St. Charles Borromeo Youth is sponsoring a “Spring/Easter Wreath Raffle”. Tickets will be available before and after the weekend Masses or at the Administration Office. The drawing will be held on Sunday, April 14th. Proceeds will benefit Youth Activities!



EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter Flowers are being accepted through April 15th. If you would like to remember a deceased loved one in this special way, please contact the Administration Office.



OUR LENTEN CHARITY

Our Lenten Charity is **JOTS Birthdays**. If you wish to donate, a list of needed items is found on the bulletin board in the foyer. You may place your donations in the drum found in the foyer of the church.

You may wish to make a monetary donation instead. Checks may be made payable to “St. Charles Borromeo Church”. Thank you in advance for your generosity towards this wonderful organization!



Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism: A Listening Session

On October 14th, 2018 the U.S. Bishop’s Committee on Racism led by Bishop Fabre, released a document titled, “*Open Wide Our Hearts*” addressing the problem of racism in America.

The third remedy for racism proposed by the Bishops is to “Walk humbly with your God.” In *Open Wide Our Hearts* the Bishops provided seven ways to practice this humility: acknowledging sin, being open to encounter and new relationships, resolving to work for justice, educating ourselves, working through our churches, changing structures, and working for the conversion of all.

To help us better understand how injustice is manifested in our church today and how we can “Do justice, love goodness and walk humbly with our God,” Bishop Fabre will hold a listening session for all people of the diocese “**Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism: A Listening Session**” will be held on **March 28th** in the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Highway 311 from **6:30 PM until 8:30 PM**. Food will be provided. For more information please contact, Fr. Alex Gaudet at agaudet@htdiocese.org.

More on this topic can be found on pages 20-32 of *Open Wide Our Hearts* which can be found on the diocesan website.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The Parish Pastoral Council Election is fast approaching in May. The Church Family is in need of people to take part in this election and serve for a three-year term if so elected. You may nominate yourself or anyone else by putting the name of the nominee of your choice in the box provided in the foyer of the church or you may call the

Administration Office.

"Holy Nobodies"

Did you ever notice how things get done
And wonder who is the responsible one
Little chores that seem so meaningless
But left undone could cause others stress
Thoughtful gestures that touch the heart
But to them they're just doing their part
Putting a smile on someone's face
Or filling one's soul with God's grace
Helping in any way that they can
As earthly angels fulfilling God's plan
Never seeking attention for their humble ways
As they are quietly faithful day after day
They are some of the most remarkable ones
That you can count on in getting things done
"Holy Nobodies" are what they are
And in God's eyes they are shining stars



We are blessed with people in our lives who are doing God's work behind the scenes. They do not seek recognition or glory, but do these kind acts out of love for God. Who are your "Holy Nobodies"? Let's give thanks to God for them!

QUOTE:

"It's a good feeling when God shows up just in time, but the best feeling is when you realize He has never left you."

