

Saint Pius X Catholic Church



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Ladies Guild

Minister Scheduler

Michelle Witkowski

Altar Society

Earline Davis

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass	10:00 a.m.
First Friday & Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Daily Mass	
Tuesday - Friday	8:00 a.m.

Sacraments

Baptism/Matrimony	Contact Office
Reconciliation	3:30 Saturday and by appointment

R.C.I.A. Wednesday 6:30
September - Pentecost

Care of the Sick

Fr. Joe Pat McDowell
222-2165 221-6321

Welcome New Parishioners

Please register with the Parish Office

St. Pius Child Development Center

Fully Licensed Facility
Accepting children ages 1 year through 5 years
Susan Lanier, Director. 318-425-2192

Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 24, 2019

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15;
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;
Luke 13:1-9

"Get with the program!" might sum up the theme of today's Mass.

The first reading describes Moses' encounter with the Lord in the burning bush. The Lord calls on Moses to return to Egypt to lead the Israelites out of slavery. Moses is an escaped felon. He has a good thing going. He has married well, and would be perfectly content to live the rest of his days in the land of Midian.

Here, and elsewhere, Moses puts up every possible objection as to why he should not return to Egypt. God reveals his name as "I AM" or "he who is, who was, and who will never cease to be." This is the Hebrew word "Yahweh." (So sacred is the Name that even today Jews will never pronounce it! We might well imitate their reverence!)

In the second reading, Paul draws an analogy for the Corinthians. They had grown smug and self-satisfied. They had been baptized. They had received the Holy Spirit. They had the Eucharist. Paul tells them that all this is worthless unless they show forth the good fruit of virtue — especially charity. He says that the Israelites in the desert were "baptized" in Moses (when they passed through the Red Sea); they had spiritual food and drink (water from the rock and manna); the cloud of God's presence was with them.

But they were not pleasing to God! They were grippers, whiners, and rebels. It is an object lesson not only to the Corinthians but to us. (Jewish tradition said that the rock followed them throughout forty years' wandering, and that they always had fresh water. Paul goes a step further and says the rock was Christ!)

The Gospel is not one of the best in the lectionary, but its meaning is clear: Some people think that catastrophes happen because of sins. Jesus uses some examples known to his hearers and says that they weren't any worse sinners than other people.

All are called to bear good fruit. If a fruit tree doesn't bear fruit, you prune it and fertilize it. If it still doesn't bear fruit, you cut it down. This will be our lot unless we bear good fruit. Get with the program! Stop your whining and griping! Stop hesitating! Start bearing the good fruit of righteousness in the community of faith!

--Msgr. William Carr

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God in St. Pius X Church, Shreveport, LA., choose to serve God faithfully in our commitment to evangelize, to catechize, and to build community with the people of North Shreveport. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to build God's Kingdom by living and learning more deeply the Word of God and regularly participating in the Sacraments. We cherish the Traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. We shall promote peace and justice, as we strive to develop leadership who will continue the ministry of Jesus Christ. By accomplishing this, we build up the Body of Christ, the Church.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Monday * 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meet in Rm 10 on 2nd & 4th Mondays
- * The Prayer Quilt Group meets every 1st & 3rd Monday @ 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday * 9:00 a.m. Rosary in the church
- * PSR from 6:30-7:30 pm; First class is on *Sept., 2018 thru April 2019
- * Ladies Guild Meeting-2nd Wed. of the month @10:00 a.m. in Rm 9
- Thursday * 9:00 a.m. Altar Society
- * 6:10 p.m. Choir Practice
- * Parish Council meets the third Thursday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. in Rm 10
- * LEGS Meeting every 2nd Thursday @ 6:00pm
- Friday * Men's Prayer Breakfast after 8:00 am Mass
- Saturday * 3:30 pm Reconciliation
- * First Saturday of every month-Marian Devotional Mass @ 8:00 am / Rosary@ 8:30 am
- Sunday * Children's Liturgy @ 11:00 a.m. Mass
- * Youth Council meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday at noon
- *RCIA meets @ 11:30 am in Room 9
- First class begins in Sept & ends in April
- Adult Education meets after 10:00 am Mass

Mass Intentions

- Sat. 3-23 4:30 pm - Clyde Benson
- Sun. 3-24 10:00 am - James Francis Hoang, Clyde Benson
- Mon. 3-25 No Mass
- Tues. 3-26 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions
- Wed. 3-27 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions
- Thurs. 3-28 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions
- Fri. 3-29 8:00 am - Celebrant's Intentions

Operation Rice Bowl Collections through April 21- Easter Sunday; Rice Bowls are in Narthex

ATTENDANCE 3/16 and 3/17 ~ 240



**March Sanctuary Candle
Maria Nguyen Thi Thuy**

READING

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|--------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Mon. | Is 7:10-14; 8:10; | Heb 10:4-10 | Lk 1:26-38 (545) |
| Tues. | Dn 3:25, 34-43 | | Mt 18:21-35 (238) |
| Wed. | Dt 4:1, 5-9 | | Mt 5:17-19 (239) |
| Thurs. | Jer 7:23-28 | | Lk 11:14-23 (240) |
| Fri. | Hos 14:2:10 | | Mk 12:28-34 (241) |

The St. Pius X Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 7, 2019 after Mass.

COMING EVENTS

***Stations of the Cross ~Fridays @ 5:30 pm

***Knights of Columbus Fish & Shrimp Fry
5p-7p Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday,
Fried fish or Shrimp plates with sides, \$9, Cash or check, dine in or take out!

***Days of Adoration

Wednesdays, March 20, 27, April 3, 10
8:30 am ~ 3:30 pm - Sign-up sheets in Narthex-
Please consider spending an hour of prayer and silent adoration with your LORD.

***KC Corporate Communion~ March 31~10:00 am



Coffee, Donuts and a Whole Lot More!

Come join us on Sundays before the Mass for coffee and refreshments. It's a great opportunity to "catch-up" with other parishioners and meet new ones. Please help us keep this ministry "cookin" by volunteering to host a weekend. It can be as simple as donuts or as elaborate as you wish to provide.

March 24 Ed Antici

March 31 Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in sponsoring hospitality on Sunday, please call Ed Antici @ 425-7113.

**2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL CAMPAIGN**

Our 2019 Appeal campaign has benefitted from the following results: 22 percent of the families of St. Pius X have pledged \$16,527.00 in support of our 2019 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has provided a gift!

THANK YOU to all that continue to support St. Pius X Youth Council with the "Backpack Program" for our local elementary school. We are in need of **non-perishable food items** such as pop tarts, crackers, cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, vienna sausage, dried fruit, raisins, slim jims, fruit chews and breakfast bars, etc. You may place the food items in the box labeled "Backpack Program" in the Narthex.

Thank you again for your generosity!

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS
WALK FOR JUSTICE**

For more than 20 years, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has sponsored the **Good Friday Way of the Cross, Walk for Justice** in downtown Shreveport. The purpose of the event is to not only follow Christ in His Passion on the Way of the Cross, but also to recognize the efforts of multiple local agencies that put the Passion into practice by serving those in need. This is a perfect way to move toward Easter. All who attend find it to be a meaningful experience. Please plan to join us at this year's St. Vincent de Paul Walk for Justice. We will meet behind First United Methodist Church, head of Texas Street, downtown Shreveport on **Good Friday, April 19, 2019**. The walk will begin at 9 am to 11am. The rain venue will be Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Spring has Sprung!

RCIA

Please continue to keep **Lisa Davis, Paul Dupuy, Hugh Johnson, Cindy Ortego, Janie Stahl and Renee Whatley** in your prayers, as well as their leaders, as they continue their faith journey.



Please Pray For The Health Of: Michael Chin, Ken Treadway, Claudine Hart, Wally Burdges, Cathy Robinson, Terry Primos, Robert Remedies, Logan Wynne, Cathy Norris, Jane Benson, James Horne, Sam Ballistrella(Friend of Jeff Chapman)

Diane Mondello, Melissa Sanders, Wm. R. Hennigan, Mary Hennigan, Mike & Roxanne Douglas, Cole Pasquier (gson of Martha Pasquier), Rachel B., Kathryn B., D. Phillips, Anna Humphrey, Mary Camden, Ann Dykes, Gaynelle Cascio, Eric LeBrocq, Mark Kapera, Ashley Davis, Kenny Scala, Emma Richard, Curtis Elkins & Family, Carla Smith (Joe & Carol Southard's dtr.), Hunter Mayeaux, Louis Landry, Erick Richard, Catherine Whitehead, Gary Loftin, Michael Pierce, Charlotte Emma Graham, Anne Carney, Bettie Shelton, Pam Strickland (Melanie Pigott's sister) Suzie Linder, Mike Roy, Rex McDonald (Chuck Davis' brother-in-law), Sarah Knick, Hal Wilbanks, Ray Carney, Jr, David West, Claudette Robertson, Alton Allen, Scooter Bryant, Sharon Gingles, Brenda Thibodeaux, Donald Gaspard, Garry Bass, Bobby Little, Nicholas Politz, Wayne Pinckard, Yvonne & Leonard Micinski, Charles Beaubouef (cousin of Larry Beaubouef), Linda Cazes (cousin of Larry Beaubouef), Jonas Jennings, Ted Kapera, Mark Miles, Carter Montgomery

Repose of the Soul - Kenneth Damell

NWLA ACTS RETREAT

will be held in Minden, LA.

MEN: April 4 ~ April 7, 2019

For questions, please call Melissa Olivier
318- 402-2464.

**Fr. Joe will be available for reconciliation
on Sundays during Lent from 9:00 am to
9:45 am before the 10:00 am Mass.**

FOOD PANTRY

For Your Information!!

In 2018, we helped 1,704

adults and 1,434 children

totaling 3,138 people!!



MONETARY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

Items needed: Macaroni & cheese and grits. The pantry is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Call Mary Jane Terry at 425-7663 if you are interested in volunteering.

Schedule

	<u>Tuesdays</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>
1st	Cynthia McCord	1st Covered
2nd	Barbara Morgan	2nd Covered
3rd	Anne Raymond	3rd Earline Davis
4th	Barbara Morgan	4th Covered