

The Second Sunday of Lent

Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

March 17, 2019

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Abraham's Faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in the glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery—the dying and rising of Jesus.

Annunciation Catholic School

Annunciation students celebrate Mass every Tuesday morning at 8:00 AM. During Lent, Mass is followed by the Stations of the Cross. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this Lenten observance.

From Tuesday, March 26th through Thursday, March 28th, ACS will be undergoing an Engagement Review from the AdvancED organization. This process will accredit the school for five years. Please pray for us as we undergo this Review. Staff and students have been preparing for this since last year.

The Arlt/Nielsen Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit ACS will be held at the Bogalusa Country Club on Saturday, March 30th. Tee time is 12 noon. Monday is the deadline for hole, team and corporate sponsors to be printed on the t-shirts that will be given away at the Tournament. Contact the school if you are interested in being a sponsor.

The date for seventh grade graduation has been changed to Friday, May 10th at 5:00 PM in the church. Please mark your calendars.

3 Wednesdays of Confessions

The sacrament of reconciliation is available in every parish throughout the Archdiocese on the following dates from 5PM – 6PM:

March 27th,
April 3rd,
April 10th

Respect Life Intention

For the times we are afraid to welcome life: May the Lord fill our hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for our every need.
We pray to the Lord...

A Stewardship Moment

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In today's second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ.

There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith?

Please Pray for those on our

Parish Prayer List

Patty Bailey, Mary Barber, Rhody Bertoniere, Dale Boler, Thelma Bonnette, Tim Blansett, Linda Brennan, James Brignac, Mary D. Brignac, Margie Brown, Teresa Busby, Peggy Chance, Pat Corkern, Andy Daley, Merle Daley, Carol Duke, Buddy Green, Rita Herring, Gary Holloway, David Jarrett, Denise Langston, Kathleen Lemoine, Aline Lott, Anne Martin, Lou Ann Mayfield, Roy Melancon, Patricia Mithell, Marie Mizell, Sarah Mizell, Mickey Murphy, Taylor Naquin, Marty Paige, Bruce Phares, Tammie Pierce, Pat Pounds, Emanuel Rachel, Kathleen Rachel, Ethel Quirk, Wayne Rhoden, McKenna Scroggs, Melissa Seal, June Stewart, Phillip Talley, Sidne' Tate, Summer Singley, Elizabeth Stewart, Camille White, Shirley Wheat, Diana Thibodeaux, Mary Donahue, Antoinette Warner

Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 AM 3:00 PM	(March 18, 2019) Communion Service Rosary
Tuesday 8:00AM 8:30AM	(March 19, 2019) School Mass – Church Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	(March 20, 2019) Mass—Chapel Confession
Thursday 8:00 AM 8:30AM – 4PM	(March 21, 2019) Mass—Chapel Adoration – Chapel
Friday 8:00 AM 5:30 PM	(March 22, 2019) Mass – Chapel Stations of the Cross
Saturday 3:00 PM 4:00 PM	(March 23, 2019) Confessions Mass
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	(September 24, 2019) Mass Mass Confessions (Spanish) Mass (Spanish)



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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday March 16th 4:00
PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Rosemary Marx, Tommy Brown, Welfare of David Jarrett, Marty Nicholson, Welfare of Marvin and Marty Paige

Sunday March 17th 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Margaret and Bobby Bush, Welfare of Julie Lott, Grant Cookston, Kristen Nicladis, Jean Moss, Leo and Jo Mickenheim, welfare of Chad Adcox

10:30 AM

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Tuesday March 19th 8:00 AM

Welfare of Carol Duke

Wednesday March 20th 8:00 AM

Rosemary Marx

Thursday March 21st 8:00 AM

Welfare of Roy Melancon, Jr.

Friday March 22nd 8:00 AM

Carol Duke

Saturday March 23rd 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Tommy Brown, Marty Nicholson, Mike Schilling

Sunday March 24th 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Welfare of Grant Cookston, Welfare Kristen Nicladis, Jean Moss, Leo and Jo Mickenheim, A. M. Cecario, Virgil Callendar,

10:30 AM

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Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
In memory of:

**Rev. Fr. Robert Kaslyn,
SJ**

Last Week's Collection March 9, 2019—March 10, 2019

Loose-Checks and Cash
1,588.00
Envelopes
3,032.00
Total:
\$4,620.00

Budgeted funds needed to
operate: \$6,299.00

This Week's Budgeted Deficit
\$1,679.00

Ash Wednesday Collection
\$1,442.00

**Thank You for Your
Generosity!**

No Second Collection
March 23, 2019—March 24,
2019

This Lent, Feed the Hunger Within

When we think of Lent, it rarely calls to mind feeding our desires. Rather, for those who fast or engage in other penitential practices, Lent is a season of denying our hunger and of mortifying desires. Perhaps it is even a season where we feel physically hungry for the first time in a long time. This is well and as it should be.

But I would argue there is a hunger we should feed this Lent: The hunger for God.

Buried deep within every human heart is a deep longing for God. It is a craving for the infinite, for joy without end, and for transcendent life that does not cease. We are frequently asleep to this deep hunger and it remains unconscious. For many, this cry of the heart is stifled or almost entirely extinguished by the cares of the world, by entertainment, by doubt, by the endless quest for pleasure, for fulfillment, and for power.

Yet, for all this, the hunger does not cease. Deep within, the craving stirs, and in our quieter moments, when the

shallow stream of impressions ceases, a dissatisfaction with the world grows.

A longing for something more, something that we cannot name, echoes quietly. It is almost like the ache of some romance long-lost but still recalled; a melancholy but sweet memory of a nameless joy that pierces us, and in these moments the pleasures of the world seem quite pale and hollow—which indeed they are.

These moments present us with a choice. They are moments of reckoning with eternity. "Choose you this day." Death or life. Time or eternity. The infinite or the finite. God or the world. Momentary pleasure or triumphant joy.

Will we listen to this call, this inner voice? Or will we numb its uncomfortable stirring by immersing ourselves again in the torrent of sensory stimulation? Will we turn to prayer and go deeper, or we will suppress the silent ache with addictions, with consumerism, with endless distractions? Our answer is intertwined with our eternal destiny.

Salvation does involve what we do; but I would argue it has far more to do with what we desire. Effort and work are not about earning anything; rather, they are but proofs of our desire for God. We can never force God to do anything, but we can make our hearts ready.

As we continue into this second week of Lent, take up the challenge to allow yourself to feel the hunger for God, and then make space for Him. Strip away all that is inessential in your life so you can find the one thing necessary.

- Fr. Bru

*"Ask, and it will be given you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.
For every one who asks receives,
and he who seeks finds,
and to him who knocks it will be
opened."*

