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Having arrived in the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: Let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

Annunciation Catholic School

Bert Burr and the Easter Bunny will be at ACS on Monday, April 1st for Easter/Spring pictures. Picture taking will begin around 8:00 AM in the school cafeteria. All parish members are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity.

Students will begin selling World's Finest Chocolate this week. There will be assorted bars and chocolate covered almonds. Call the school if you would like to sell a box at your business. Every year, members of the church family help with this delicious fundraiser.

Students in grades 3rd thru 7th will take ACT Aspire Achievement Tests the week of April 8th thru 12th. Please be certain that your child is present and on time. There are NO make-up tests.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry tickets for Friday, April 12th can be purchased at the school. Last month's dinners were delicious!

The theme of this year's Children's Coronation is "Let's Play". This event will take place in the Bogalusa High School Auditorium on Saturday, April 13th at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are on sale in the school office for \$5.00. They will be \$6.00 on Saturday. Save some money and avoid standing in line. Stop by this week and purchase them at the ACS front desk.

I need thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.

I need thee every hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

I need thee; O I need thee;
Every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee

- Annie S. Hawkes

Respect for Life Intentions

*That all those who have been involved in abortion may realize that God is always at their side to help them,
- We pray to the Lord....*

A Stewardship Moment

- 4th Sunday in Lent -

Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers us a vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving when we through our own sinfulness, leave his presence, and then through repentance, return to him. The remainder of the Lenten season offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion and our need for reconciliation. Consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and experience God's loving embrace and forgiveness.



TO BE ALWAYS FAITHFUL

Heavenly Father, I want to be faithful in my devotion to You. Help me to find what is really important in my life and give me strength to attain these goals. Help me decide to be faithful to the Christian ideals that give meaning to my life. Through Christ our Lord.
- Amen

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, Jean Byrd, Peggy Chance, Pat Corkern, Andy Daley, Merle Daley, Carol Duke, Buddy Green, Rita Herring, Gary Holloway, David Jarrett, Tim Johnson, Perry Keen, Denise Langston, Kathleen Lemoine, Aline Lott, Anne Martin, Lou Ann Mayfield, Roy Melancon, Patricia Mitchell, 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, Sharon Williams

Mass Schedule

Monday	(April 1, 2019)
8:00 AM	Communion Service
3:00 PM	Rosary
Tuesday	(April 2, 2019)
8:00AM	School Mass – Church
8:30AM	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	(April 3, 2019)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
5:00 PM	Confession
Thursday	(April 4, 2019)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
8:30AM – 4PM	Adoration - Chapel
Friday	(April 5, 2019)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	(April 6, 2019)
3:00 PM	Confessions
4:00 PM	Mass
Sunday	(April 7, 2019)
8:30 AM	Mass
10:30 AM	Mass
4:30 PM	Confessions (Spanish)
5:00 PM	Mass (Spanish)

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Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

March 31, 2019

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday March 30th 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Tommy Brown, Mrs. Allen LeBlanc, E. J. Champagne, Dody Champagne, Jean Moss, Stephen Holloway

Sunday March 31st 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Margaret and Bobby Bush, E. J. Champagne, Dody Champagne, Virgil Callendar, Brian Isofeff, Jeff Dugan, Welfare of Roy Melancon

10:30 AM

Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Tuesday April 2nd 8:00 AM

Brian Isofeff, Jeff Dugan

Wednesday April 3rd 8:00 AM

Allen LeBlanc, Sr.

Thursday April 4th 8:00 AM

Welfare of Roy Melancon, Jr.

Friday April 5th 8:00 AM

Mrs. Allen LeBlanc, Sr.

Saturday April 6th 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Tommy Brown, Clyde Etheridge, Welfare of Marty Paige, Welfare of Carol Duke, Welfare of Jo and Leo Mickenheim, Sr., Welfare of Andy Daley

Sunday April 7th 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Margaret and Bobby Bush, Welfare of Bernie Brennan, Welfare of Rose and Bet, Welfare of Mary Donahue, Welfare of Ned Cerniglia, Patrick Collum, Sr.

10:30 AM

Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns

In memory of:

Rev. Fr. Lee Saloy

Last Week's Collection

March 23, 2019–March 24, 2019

Loose - Checks and Cash	\$1,769.00
Envelopes	\$2,516.00
Total:	\$4,285.00

Funds Needed Achieve Budget: \$6,299.00

This Week's Deficit \$2,014.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Next Second Collection
March 30, 2019–March 31, 2019
Catholic Relief Services

The World is on Fire. How Can We Extinguish the Flames?

Even a cursory glance at news headlines is enough to plunge one into anxiety. Mass-killings. Inflamed, hate-filled rhetoric. Mutual mockery. Reveling in perversion. Moral debauchery. Religious persecution. Terrorism. Scandals. These are the defining marks of our age, it seems.

And that is not to mention the polarized cacophony of insults and vitriol that social media has become. There is so much darkness. It is easy to feel as if it is closing in on all sides. What world will our children grow up in? And what, if anything, are we to do?

Some call for collective retreating, protecting, and rebuilding. Others recommend head-on confrontation with evil through protests, marches, and movements. Still others would rather bide their time and do little of anything.

I will not say which route is best. That is up to each Christian to ponder and decide in the light of his conscience. But I will simply share this truth: Every disorder in the world begins in the soul. The chaos and darkness we see in the world today has its origins nowhere else than in the human heart. Should we really be surprised that the world has no peace, when it is so hard for us to find it within ourselves?

I would argue that none of the chaos in the world should surprise us in the least. Scripture speaks frequently of the darkness within breaking forth into the world through sin. It is safe to say, then, that it is not organizations, media, or governments that are to blame for the world's ills, but rather unruly passions in the human heart.

The evil and violence in the world, the chaos we see breaking out everywhere, begins within each one of us.

Now, it is easy to accept this truth on an abstract level. It is easy to look out at the darkness in the world and begin to place the blame upon others. The truly wicked people, the people committing sins and atrocities, are always everyone else. They are the sinners. They must repent. They must turn from their wicked ways and turn to the truth.

But doing this is misguided at best, and delusional at worst. For does not everyone, even the terrible sinners you blame, believe they are innocent and everyone else is at fault? It is true that not everyone acts on their evil impulses, and thank God for that, but in the words of Apostle John, "if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." In the primordial garden, Adam blamed Eve for his sin. Denial of our own fault is not quite, but nearly, the original sin.

Whether we act on it or not, we all have the potential to commit grave evils. Sin lurks within all of us. Our passions constantly war against us, and often we find ourselves doing and saying things that we do not want to do; things that even we do not ourselves understand. We hurt people we love, we gossip and slander, we lust and consume others, we betray, we act selfishly and recklessly, we hate and will not forgive, as if driven by some mad unconscious force. Dark instincts lurk beneath the surface of respectability and conformity, but few of us face this fact—it is simply too painful. We would much rather blame others and absolve ourselves.

Yes, the world is on fire. But the most practical thing we can do is not vilify and blame others. It is rather to look within our own hearts. For if we do, honestly and unflinchingly, we will often find that the real battle with evil is within.

"The heart itself is but a small vessel," taught St. Macarius of Egypt, "yet there also are dragons and there are lions; there are poisonous beasts and all the treasures of evil. And there are rough and uneven roads; there are precipices. But there is also God, also the angels, the life and the kingdom, the light and the Apostles, the treasures of grace—there are all things."

May we all this Lent discover the true meaning of repentance, for it is nothing other than weeping and grieving over our own sins, the darkness and evil within our own hearts. We are all sinners. We are all responsible. May we all cry out, "Lord, have mercy," in sincerity and truth, for repentance is the only way to peace.

- Fr. Bru