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To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

Annunciation Catholic School

The Children's Coronation is set for Saturday April 13th beginning in the Bogalusa High School Auditorium at 6:00 PM. The backdrop will be assembled on Sunday, April 7th and it will be taken down on Sunday, April 14th. We need men with strong arms and electric screwdrivers to complete this job. Join us at 1:30 PM on either Sunday to help. The job is not bad if we have enough man power! Thanks.

Students are selling World's finest Chocolate. What a delicious way to support the school. Please contact the school if you are able to place a box of assorted chocolate bars or chocolate covered almonds in your business. Students will be selling chocolate at Masses for the next few weeks. Your patronage is appreciated.

ACT Aspire Achievement Testing begins on Monday, April 8th, followed by LEAP testing. Please see that your child is present and on time every day, that he eats a good breakfast, and that he gets a good night's sleep. There are NO make-up tests.

HONESTY

I know, my God, that you search the heart and take pleasure in uprightness...

1 CHRONICLES 29:17 NRSV

Have you ever bitten into a shiny red apple and found it to be rotten to the core? You can't always tell the quality of a thing by what it looks like. Even that dusty old dresser in the attic could be a priceless antique.

God doesn't look at your physical surface either. His priority isn't how you look or what you wear. God cares about your heart. He sees not only the good deeds you do, the hours you volunteer, and how well you treat your elderly parents, but he cares about more than your actions. He's looking at the changes you make on the inside, not the outside. When you fashion your life around God, nothing else matters to him.

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

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Strong words come from Saint Paul in today's second reading. He reveals in no certain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is "rubbish" Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else "rubbish" compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or binge-watching Netflix to spending time in a bible study group, choir practice or volunteering around the parish? Or keeping late hours at work over sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our relationship with Christ?

KC FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus Council 1819 will hold their final Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, April 12th, from 4:00 PM until 6:30 PM, to benefit the Council and Annunciation Catholic School. Tickets are available at the School and Church Office, or from any Knight of Columbus.

Welcome to Annunciation Catholic Church

Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, religious affiliation, or wherever you are in your faith journey, we warmly welcome you. If you would like to become a member of the parish or learn more about our faith, visit the pamphlet rack in the back of church, or call or visit us in the parish office.

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, 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, Dudley Talley, Camille White, Shirley Wheat, Diana Thibodeaux, Mary Donahue, Antoinette Warner, Sharon Williams

Mass Schedule

Monday	(April 8, 2019)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
3:00 PM	Rosary
Tuesday	(April 9, 2019)
8:00AM	Mass – Chapel
Wednesday	(April 10, 2019)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
5:00 PM	Archdiocese-wide Confessions
Thursday	(April 11, 2019)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
8:30AM – 4PM	Adoration – Chapel
Friday	(April 12, 2019)
8:00 AM	Mass – Chapel
5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross – Church
Saturday	(April 13, 2019)
3:00 PM	Confessions
4:00 PM	Mass
Sunday	(April 14, 2019)
8:30 AM	Mass
10:30 AM	Mass
4:30 PM	Confessions (<i>en español</i>)
5:00 PM	Mass (<i>en español</i>)

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Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

April 7, 2019

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday April 6th 4:00 PM
Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne,
John Underwood, Nathan and Carol Bush,
Clyde Atheridge, Welfare of Marty Paige,
Welfare of Carol Duke, Jo and Leo Mickenheim,
Sr., Welfare of Andy Daley.

Sunday April 7th 8:30 AM
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Welfare of Bernie
Brennan, Welfare of Rose and Bet, Welfare of
Mary Donahue, Welfare of Ned Cerniglia,
Patrick Collum, Sr.

10:30 AM
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Tuesday April 9th 8:00 AM
Chad Adcox

Wednesday April 10th 8:00 AM
Jean Moss

Thursday April 11th 8:00 AM
Welfare of Roy Melancon, Jr.
Welfare of Andy Daley

Friday April 12th 8:00 AM
Welfare of Randy Melancon

Saturday April 13th 4:00 PM
Mickey Paduda, John Underwood, Welfare of
Mary and James Brignac, Welfare of Marvin and
Marty Paige, Ricky Holloway, John Matthews,
Jerry Holloway, Welfare of David and April
Arceneaux

Sunday April 14th 8:30 AM
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Margaret and
Bobby Bush, Welfare of Vita Saltaformaggio,
Welfare of Rose and Bet, Welfare of Irma Lee
Callendar, Welfare of Ned Cerniglia, Welfare of
Mary Melancon

10:30 AM
Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

*Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
In memory of:*

Sheanie J. Mitchell

Last Week's Collection March 30, 2019–March 31, 2019

Loose - Checks and Cash	\$2,074.00
Envelopes	\$2,468.00
Total:	\$4,542.00

Funds Needed Achieve Budget: \$6,299.00

This Week's Deficit \$1,757.00

Catholic Relief Services \$1,179.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Next Second Collection
April 13, 2019–April 14, 2019
Parish Maintenance

Why are the Statues in Church Covered Up?

You may have been surprised this 5th Sunday of Lent to walk into church and see purple veils over all the statues and images. Many of us have been in other parishes in which this is done, or perhaps remember it from childhood. It has always remained an option in the liturgy of the Church, an option which we always practice here at Annunciation Catholic Church.

It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday.

The Roman Missal instructs, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Families are encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. It is also a beautiful and memorable tradition to pass down to our children. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First, we use veils to alert us of the solemn time. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know something is different. These veils are a forceful reminder to get ready for the Paschal Triduum.

Also, the veils produce heightened anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there, longing for the beauty they hide.

Therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

- Fr. Bru