

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

I printed this in the Daily World this past Friday but I think it merits a repeat here in our bulletin as well.

With reliance upon Our Lady Queen of Angels, I remain
In the Lord Jesus,

Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
Pastor

Rearing children today is no easy task. There are so many new challenges that come as a result of a fast-changing world. But one thing that often happens in today’s families is the shift in focus. While our Momma loved us kids tremendously and showed it by working long hours as a single mother so that we could have a roof over our heads and good food to eat, we did not rule the roost. We did not dictate to her what school we wanted to attend, what clothes she was to buy for us or when we were going to Mass. She was the boss, a loving boss mind you, but the boss, nonetheless and we answered her, “yes ma’am,” “no ma’am,” “please,” “thank you, Momma.” She wanted us to eat at the table and we did. She didn’t want us to eat in our beds, and we didn’t. She wanted us to pray a family Rosary during Lent on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and we did. We respected her wishes. We believed in her authority. I found a letter written by Dr. John Rosemond on January 1, 2017 the Naples Daily News. I was delighted to read it and decided to share it.

YOUR KIDS SHOULD NOT BE THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE FAMILY

“I recently asked a married couple who have three kids, none of whom are yet teens, ‘Who are the most important people in your family?’ Like all good moms and dads of this brave new millennium, they answered, ‘Our kids!’ ‘Why?’ I then asked. ‘What is it about your kids that gives them that status?’ And like all good moms and dads of this brave new millennium, they couldn’t answer the question other than to fumble with appeals to emotion. So, I answered the question for them: ‘There is no reasonable thing that gives your children that status.’

“I went on to point out that many if not most of the problems they’re having with their kids -- typical stuff, these days – are the result of treating their children as if they, their marriage, and their family exist because of the kids when it is, in fact, the other way around. Their kids exist because of them and their marriage and thrive because they have created a stable family.

“Furthermore, without them, their kids wouldn’t eat well, have the nice clothing they wear, live in the nice home in which they live, enjoy the great vacations they enjoy, and so on. Instead of lives that are relatively carefree (despite the drama to the contrary that they occasionally manufacture), their children would be living lives full of worry and want.

“This issue is really the heart of the matter. People my age know it’s the heart of the matter because when we were kids it was clear to us that our parents were the most important people in our families. And that, right there, is why we respected our parents and that, right there, is why we looked up to adults in general. Yes, Virginia, once upon a time in the United States of America, children were second-class citizens, to their advantage.

“It was also clear to us – I speak, of course, in general terms, albeit accurate – that our parents’ marriages were more important to them than their relationships with us. Therefore, we did not sleep in their beds or interrupt their conversations. The family meal, at home, was regarded as more important than after-school activities. Mom and dad talked more – a lot more – with one another than they talked with you. For lack of pedestals, we emancipated earlier and much more successfully than have children since.

“The most important person in an army is the general. The most important person in a corporation is the CEO. The most important person in a classroom is the teacher. And the most important person in a family are the parents.

“The most important thing about children is the need to prepare them properly for responsible citizenship. The primary objective should not be raising a straight-A student who excels at three sports, earns a spot on the Olympic swim team, goes to an A-list university and becomes a prominent brain surgeon. The primary objective is to raise a child such that community and culture are strengthened.

“ ‘Our child is the most important person in our family’ is the first step toward raising a child who feels entitled.

“You don’t want that. Unbeknownst to your child, he doesn’t need that. And neither does America.”

O. C. CORNER
Barbecued pork steak dinners are being sold by the Athletic Council this Sunday, March 26th, for \$7 per dinner. Dinners may be picked up between 11 am and 1 pm in the school cafeteria. The Academic Council will hold their Spirit Shop from 11 am to 2 pm on Monday.
Congratulations to Reid LaBruyere and Sarah Dupre chosen as delegates to attend Boys and Girls State this summer. Others who may also attend as alternates include Ethan Warren, Justin Helton, Bethany Guidry, Emily Tromblay, and Savannah Speyrer.
Parents are encouraged to register children for 2017-2018 as soon as possible. Please call OCS at 337-942-5404 ext. 102 if any information is needed on the RenWeb registration process.

Keith Hebert will be speaking on Stewardship at all the Masses next weekend, April 1st&2nd.

EVENTS
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
The High School Youth Group continues to be busy with helping the community and having fun. On April 8, they will perform the “Way of The Cross” for the First Communion retreat, and will lead the “Way of The Cross” on Good Friday. In the Church Hall the CCD students will display drawings and paintings at an art show during the First Sunday Coffee & Donuts on May 8th after the 8:30am Mass. Our BIG fundraiser is the Mothers’ Day Bake Sale weekend, May 13th & 14th. They work hard and have a good time with Youth Group friends and family. Their goal is to get bigger and do better things. It’s open enrollment and we encourage young people to join up. the next H.S.Y.G. meeting is April 2nd.

All Monday night classes and Catholic School Confirmation Students report this coming Monday at 5:15pm.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD
Offeratory Collection \$14,205.00
Black & Indian Missions Collection 55.00
Bishop’s Services Appeal. 105.00
Collection for Opelousas Catholic 10.00
Aid for the Church in Eastern Europe 628.00
***Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship!
“Everything we have and give comes from God.” (Corinthians 29:11-17)***

READERS
Apr. 1 4:00 p.m. Claire Hollier
Apr. 2 8:30 a.m. James Doherty
10:30 a.m. William Jarrell
5:15 p.m. Jan Vige

ALTAR SOCIETY
Apr. 1 - 7. Liz Ortego & Committee
Linens (Apr. 1). Anna Pitre

ACTIVITIES
Sat. & Sun., Mar. 25 & 26 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION
Sun., Mar. 26 2:00 p.m. Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble (B.R.E.V.E.) Concert (Parish Church)
Mon., Mar. 27 3:30-4:30 p.m. CCD Classes 1, 2, 3
5:15-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7,8,9,10,11 and all Catholic School Confirmation Students
Tues., Mar. 28 3:30-4:30 p.m. CCD Classes 4, 5, 6
6:30 p.m. RCIA (Office Conference Room)
Wed., Mar. 29 2:00 p.m. “Come Lord Jesus”
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro–Life Rosary before Mass
6:00 p.m. Soup,Salad & Sermon (Parish Hall)
Fri., Mar. 30 4:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary of The Seven Sorrows of Mary
5:45 p.m. The Way of The Cross
Sat. & Sun., Apr. 1 & 2 SECOND COLLECTION FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE TO OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC FOR PARISHIONERS WHO QUALIFY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM
The instructions for parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will be held at Our Lady Queen of Angels on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **FIRST, PLEASE CALL THIS OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT 942-5628.**

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY
Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Rev. Mitchell Guidry; Monday: Rev. Brad Guillory; Tuesday: Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD; Wednesday: Rev. Joshua Guillory, JCL; Thursday: Rev. Jude Halphen; Friday: Rev. Brian Harrington; and Saturday: Pope Francis.

BATON ROUGE EARLY VOCAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT (B.R.E.V.E.)
The Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble Concert (B.R.E.V.E.) will be here at Our Lady Queen of Angels on Sunday afternoon of March 26th at 2:00pm in the Church.

Next Thursday, March 30th, there will be the tuning of the organ in the Church. In the event someone wishes to come into the Church to pray, just go over to the Chapel.

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MASSES

Sat., Mar. 25 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Nazel Fontenot, Glen Winn, Alphan,& Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot and Sandra Gay, Ralph Ortego, Gloria Carriere(Anniversary of Death 3/26), Lloyd, Marie, & Janet Andrus, Rick & Amanda Briggs, John & Sydney Cuccia, Wyvos Edmond(B), Ella Arceneaux(Anniversary of Death), Gladys & Honore Tate, Helen & Vince Fontenot

Sun., Mar. 26 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courvelle, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave “Tat” Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Irvin Deranger, M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Alvarez Hertzock, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Anna Leger, Jesse, Jr., Dudley & Glenn Macip, Willis & Girlie Fontenot, Tommy & Jerry Oge’, T.D., Dolores, Dewey & Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy & Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean & Hilton(Anniversary of Death) Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Lee Singleton, Sr.m Trinee Thibodeaux(Anniversary of Death), Percy Thibodeaux

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, Sarah Jarrell, Lucille “Lucy” Veltin, James “Jim” Wallace, Donald & Sylvia Chachere, Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, “Tat”, Jeff & Greg Durio, Cecily Camille Soileau, Lillian & Ray B. Guillory, M/M Elridge Schwartzenburg & M/M Elmo Simon, Gerrit Paul Ryder, Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Beatrice Sue Grimmer, Daniel Mansfield, Jackie Mills, Alvin Taylor(B), Curtis Wimberly

5:15 p.m. William Tracy Barstow, Benjamin & Frances Richard, Claudette Richard, Benny Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee & Bernice D. Guidry

Mon., Mar. 27 5:15 p.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS

Tues., Mar. 28 7:00 a.m. Sylven Soileau, Dudley Macip(Anniversary of Death)

Wed., Mar. 29 5:15 p.m. Irvin Deranger

Thurs., Mar. 30 7:00 a.m. George Gennuso

Fri., Mar. 31 5:15 p.m. Dennis & Daniel Reed

Sat., Apr. 1 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Nazel Fontenot, Glen Winn, Alphan,& Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot and Sandra Gay, Rene Fontenot & Scotty Artigue, Minnie Lee Mills Smith

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NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new in the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:

Name _____
Address _____

Phone# _____
Or come by the office to get acquainted.