



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 27, 2022 - Volume 14, Issue 9

*"Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,
nor do they gather grapes from brambles." — Luke 6:44*

LENT

**A Season of
Reflection,
Renewal &
Preparation**

Fasting & Abstinence during Lent

In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, all Catholics are bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence during Lent.

Catholics aged 18 through 59 are obligated to follow the law of **fasting** on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meatless meal a day. Taking two other small meals that together do not equal a full meal is permitted. Food and drink "between meals" (except water) is not permitted.

Catholics aged 14 and up are required to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. Abstinence means to abstain from eating meat. Eggs, milk products, or condiments made from animal fat are allowed.

Ash Wednesday, March 2 Mass Schedule

**6 AM 8:30 AM
12 PM 6 PM**

Stations of the Cross

Please join us at **6:30 PM in the Church on Friday evenings** during Lent for the Stations of the Cross.

Confession

**Every Saturday from 3 - 3:45 PM
in the Confessional in Church**

Penance Service

Wed., April 6 at 7 PM in the Church

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Lent is a Time to Slow Down and Reflect

By: Fr. Mike Moroney

Time always seems to slip away from us, and there never seems to be enough time for all the things we want to accomplish. A good day seems to go by quickly while a bad day seems to go on forever. Each year we are given a time called Lent, a period of 40 days. It seems a long time when we say “40 days.” Whether we use this time well depends on our plans for it. If we make no preparation, it will get lost in the long list of things we have on our schedules each day.

Lent is an excellent time to slow down and self-reflect, and our Parish Lenten Mission provides an excellent guide to slowing down during this season. Author Gary Zimak will be our guest speaker this year, encouraging us to “Give Up Worry for Lent.” Join us for this inspirational mission on Sunday, March 20 through Tuesday, March 22, beginning at 7 PM each night in the church.

Perhaps if we reflect on the words from the prophet Joel, we can focus our thoughts as we prepare for the season. “Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning: rend your hearts and not your clothing” Joel 2:12.

The tradition of Lent is associated with fasting, limiting the amount we eat. Maybe we begin with good intentions and then we drift a bit or we completely give up. This discipline of the church has always been a great way as it is rooted in Christ Himself. There are, of course, many other “sacrifices” or “improvements” that we can choose during this sacred time: abstaining from gossip and/or social media, being kinder to people, spending more time with family and friends rather than time on the Internet. Whatever you choose, make it uncomfortable for yourself, and the challenge will give you determination to continue. Like Jesus Himself, there will be times during Lent that you will be tempted to give up and turn away from God and choose lesser value.

One of the very beautiful traditions of Lent is the Way of the Cross, which is held every Friday night at 6:30 PM in St. Alphonsus Church. This ancient devotion can be a tremendous reminder of God’s love for us, as is the sacrament of reconciliation, which is available every Saturday from 3-3:45 PM. We will also have a Penance Service with a number of priests available on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 PM.

Many times we think we have to come up with new ways to love God, and we seek big ways. However, God touches our lives each day as we try to be more patient, kind, generous, and forgiving. If we just take the time to reflect, we can see God is always there for us.

Have a blessed Lent.

Fr. Mike

WORSHIP

Family Adoration & Benediction

Join us for Family Adoration and Benediction the first Saturday of each month. The next date for Family Adoration is **March 5**, at 8:30 AM in the Church.

Readings for the Week - Feb. 28 - March 6

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

A Vocation View: 8th Sunday Ordinary Time

"I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." Is Christ inviting you to let Him live in you through single-hearted service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Divine Mercy Novena

The second week of our Divine Mercy Novena will be on **** ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2 at 5 PM**** due to 6 PM Mass. Please note the time change. The remaining weeks will be at 6 PM. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I desire that the whole world know my infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my mercy."



Stations of the Cross

Week 1
Friday, March 4, 2022
6:30 PM in the Church

The Stations of the Cross theme this week is for healing and features anointing by Fr. Mike. Please join us for "The Way of the Cross with text from the Scriptures," the traditional Stations of the Cross.



PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 26-28, 2022

Saturday	8:30 AM	Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J.
	4:00 PM	Mass
Sunday	The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	
	1:00 PM	Youth Family Day - F.C., MPB
Monday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass
	Church Office Closed for Mardi Gras Holiday	

See pages 4-5 for full March 2022 Calendar of Events

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a faith-filled community who,
through prayerful discernment,
call forth the gifts of the Spirit given to each individual,
that Christ may be known in our community
and in our world.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Live Stream

Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children kindergarten through second grade.

SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

Baptism

Contact Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office in the early months of pregnancy for dates and preparation requirements.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 PM and by appointment

Christian Initiation of Adults

If interested in becoming Catholic and want more information on the process, call the Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

Marriage

Contact Sara Puissegur at the Parish Office six months to one year prior to projected wedding date for information concerning preparation programs.

Anointing of the Sick

You can receive this sacrament during a serious illness, before a major surgery, or for spiritual and mental healing. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Funerals

Contact Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

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Prayer Line

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Mardi Gras Church Office Closed 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C.	Ash Wednesday 6 am - Mass 8:30 am - Mass 9 am - Ash Wed. Retreat - S.F. 12 pm - Mass 1 pm - Hospitality - S.F. A&B 2 pm- PrimeTimers - S.C. 5 pm - Divine Mercy - Church 6 pm - Mass 7 pm - Chancel Choir - C.R.	8:30 am - Mass 10 am - Matthew Study - S.C. 5:30 pm - Bell Choir - C.R. 6 pm - Year 1 Mentor Meeting - S.F. A/B	8:30 am - Mass 12 pm - Men's Club Fish Fry Cooking - S.F. 4-6 pm - Men's Club Fish Fry Sale/ Pick-up - Front Parking Lot 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - Church	8 am - 5 pm - Confirmation Yr. 2 Make-up Retreat - MPB 8:30 am - Family Adoration - Church 4 pm - Mass RCIA Retreat - S.F.
First Sunday of Lent 8 am - Mass 10 am - Mass 10 am - Children's Liturgy - S.G. 10 am - Rite of Welcome - Church 12 pm - Mass 1 pm - Boy Scouts Court of Honor-F.C. 5:30 pm - Learning Groups - Church, S.F., all classrooms 5:30 pm - Family Theology - Church	8:30 am - Mass 9 am - Prophets Study - S.F. 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts Game Night- F.C., Blessed Seelos, S.J. 6:30 pm - WTL Bible Study - S.C. 7 pm - Liturgy Committee - S.G.	8:30 am - Mass 9 am - No Greater Love Study - S.G. 4 pm - Bible & Sacraments-SAS115 6 pm - Bible & Sacraments II - SAS116 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 pm - High School Youth - MPB 6:30 pm - Adult Confirm. - S.F. A/B	9 am - Timeline Study - S.G. 9 am - No Greater Love Study - S.F. C 11 am - Galatians & No Greater Love Study - S.G. 11 am - No Greater Love Study - S.C. 12 pm - SVDP Monthly Meeting-S.F. 5:30 pm - Bell Choir - C.R. 6 pm - Divine Mercy - Church 6 pm - Cub Scouts Den - SAS 101 6 pm - 1st Corinth. Study - S.G. 6:30 pm- King's Men- S.J. 7 pm - Chancel Choir - C.R.	8:30 am - Mass 10 am - Matthew Study - S.C. 6:30 pm - RCIA Scrutinies - S.F. C	8:30 am - School Mass 9 am - Coffee Break - S.F. 12 pm - Men's Club Fish Fry Cooking - S.F. 4-6 pm - Men's Club Fish Fry Sale/ Pick-up - Front Parking Lot 6 pm - Middle School Youth Night- F.C., Lighthouse 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - Church	8:30 am - Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. 9 am - 1 st Eucharist Retreat - Church, S.G., S.C., C.R. 4 pm - Mass <i>Don't let Daylight Savings Time make you late for Sunday Mass! Clocks SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR on Sunday, March 13 at 2 AM.</i>

Ladies Altar Society February Luncheon

The Ladies Altar Society met for lunch on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in the St. Francis Room. *Photos submitted by Carolyn Daigle.*



13 Second Sunday of Lent 8 am - Mass 10 am - Mass <i>Coffee & Donuts after 8 AM & 10 AM Masses</i> 10 am - Children's Liturgy - S.F. 12 pm - Mass 12 pm - Confirm. Yr. 2 - Church, F.C.	14 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts - S.J., Blessed Seelos 6:30 pm - Festival of Two Rivers Committee - SAS Library 6:30 pm - WTL Bible Study - S.C.	15 8:30 am - Mass 9 am - No Greater Love Study - S.G. 10:30 am - SAS Finance - S.F. C 4 pm - Bible & Sacraments-SAS115 6 pm - Bible & Sacraments II - SAS116 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 pm - High School Youth - MPB	16 9 am - Timeline Study - S.G. 9 am - No Greater Love Study - S.F. C 11 am - Galatians & No Greater Love Study - S.G. 11 am - No Greater Love Study - S.C. 5:30 pm - Bell Choir - C.R. 6 pm - Divine Mercy - Church 6 pm - 1st Corinth. Study - S.G. 6:30 pm- King's Men- S.J. 7 pm - Chancel Choir - C.R.	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:30 am - Mass 10 am - Matthew Study - S.C. 6:30 pm - RCIA Scrutinies - S.F. C. 	18 8:30 am - School Mass 12 pm - Men's Club Fish Fry Cooking - S.F. 4-6 pm - Men's Club Fish Fry Sale/ Pick-up - Front Parking Lot 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - Church	19 4 pm- Mass 5 pm - St. Joseph's Altar - F.C.
20 Third Sunday of Lent 8 am - Mass 10 am - Mass 12 pm - Mass 5:30 pm - Learning Groups - Church, S.F., F.C., all classrooms 7 pm - Parish Mission - Church, S.F.	21 8:30 am- Mass 9 am - Prophets Study - S.F. 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts - S.J., Blessed Seelos 6:30 pm - School Board - S.G. 7 pm - Parish Mission - Church, S.F.	22 8:30 am- Mass 9 am - No Greater Love Study - S.G. 4 pm - Bible & Sacraments-SAS115 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 pm - High School Youth - MPB 7 pm - Parish Mission - Church, S.F.	23 9 am - Timeline Study - S.G. 9 am - No Greater Love Study - S.F. C 11 am - Galatians & No Greater Love Study - S.G. 11 am - No Greater Love Study - S.C. 5:30 pm - Bell Choir - C.R. 6 pm - Divine Mercy - Church 6 pm - Cub Scouts Pack - F.C. 6 pm - 1st Corinth. Study - S.G. 6:30 pm- King's Men- S.J. 6:30 pm - Auction Committee - S.F. 7 pm - Chancel Choir - C.R.	24 8:30 am- Mass 10 am - Matthew Study - S.C. 6:30 pm - RCIA Scrutinies - S.F. C.	25 8:30 am- School Mass 12 pm - Men's Club Fish Fry Cooking - S.F. 4-6 pm - Men's Club Fish Fry Sale/ Pick-up - Front Parking Lot 6 pm - Middle School Youth - F.C., MPB 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - Church	26 8:30 am - Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. 4 pm- Mass <i>Festival Cash Raffle Distribution- G.S.</i>
27 Fourth Sunday of Lent 8 am - Mass 10 am - Mass <i>Coffee & Donuts after 8 AM & 10 AM Masses</i> 10 am - Children's Liturgy - S.F. 12 pm - Mass <i>Festival Cash Raffle Distribution- G.S.</i> 12 pm - Confirm. Year 1 - F.C. 2 pm - Boy Scouts Eagle COH - S.F.	28 8:30 am- Mass 9 am - Prophets Study - S.F. 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts Troop & Committee- S.J., Blessed Seelos 6:30 pm - WTL Bible Study - S.C.	29 8:30 am- Mass 9 am - No Greater Love Study - S.G. 9:30 am - Prime-Timers Central PT Presentation - S.F. 4 pm - Bible & Sacraments-SAS115 6 pm - Bible & Sacraments - SAS116 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 pm - High School Youth - MPB	30 9 am - Timeline Study - S.G. 9 am - No Greater Love Study - S.F. C 11 am - Galatians & No Greater Love Study - S.G. 11 am - No Greater Love Study - S.C. 5:30 pm - Bell Choir - C.R. 6 pm - Divine Mercy - Church 6:30 pm - At-Home Formation - S.F., Church 6:30 pm- King's Men- S.J. 7 pm - Chancel Choir - C.R.	31 8:30 am- Mass 10 am - Matthew Study - S.C. 6:30 pm - RCIA Scrutinies - S.F. C.	Key: C.S. - Communion Service S.F. - St. Francis Room S.J. - St. Joseph Room S.C. - St. Clare Room S.G. - St. Gerard Room SAS - School / Classroom C.R. - Choir Room F.C. - Family Center B.W. - Balanced Women G.S. - Gather Space MPB - Multi-Purpose Bldg. H.S. - High School Youth M.S. - Middle School Youth	

FORMATION



**ST. ALPHONSUS
YOUTH MINISTRY
FAMILY FUN DAY**

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

BEGINS AFTER NOON MASS TIL 3 PM

**ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES
ARE INVITED**

**JAMBALYA
KING CAKE
GAMES
TRIVIA COMPETITION
(MARDI GRAS / LENT)**

**RSVP ON
PARISH
WEBSITE**

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Laura B. Legeai - Sister of Debbie Johnson.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Men's Club Fried Fish Dinners

Fish dinners will be available on the Fridays of Lent. Dinners are **\$10 each** and include fried fish, french fries, coleslaw, and a roll. Take out only from 4 PM until 6 PM (or sold out).

Pick up dinners in the front parking lot on Greenwell Springs Road.



Dinners available on: March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 & 8

Mass Intentions March 2022

March 1	8:30 AM	Irma Laird, Bernice Braud, Kevin Legendre, Diana Graham, Lam Thanh Tu, Eva Hebert, Marjory Durrett, Johnny Long, Flora Rivette, Jimmy Kindle			Deacon Phil BeJeaux, Arnaud & Grace Aymond, Lynn & Mary Ross, Sr. <i>No Daily Mass or C.S.</i>
March 2	6:00 AM	Flora Rivette		March 16	
	8:30 AM	Helen Duplessis		March 17	8:30 AM Hebert & Stroder Families
	12:00 PM	Hattie & Henry Ognibene		March 18	8:30 AM C.R. Wofford
	6:00 PM	Johnny Long		March 19	4:00 PM Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased
March 3	8:30 AM	Gary Elliott		March 20	8:00 AM Neva Savoy
March 4	8:30 AM	John Firmin			10:00 AM Judith Cockerham
March 5	4:00 PM	Wilmadean Lorio			12:00 PM Tony Couvillon, Dominic Cangelosi, Kevin Legendre, Mary O'Sullivan, Vince Dileo, Jr., Virginia Terito, Gloria Phillips, Ronnie Terito, Brandi Waguespack, Michael Pecoraro
March 6	8:00 AM	Juneau Family, Claire Landry, John Scarbrough, Brenda Guerin, Tommy Johnson, Diana Whipple, Van Guarino, Linda Jarreau, Irma Laird, Helen Duplessis		March 21	8:30 AM Curtis Brown
	10:00 AM	Billy Bezdek, Babette Vlahos		March 22	8:30 AM Margaret Smith, Bob Cockerham, Van Guarino, Lam Thanh Tu, The Rambin Family, Marie Simoneaux, Jackie Rembert, Ella Landry, Norma Breaux, Danny Woods
March 7	8:30 AM	Marlene LeBlanc			<i>No Daily Mass or C.S.</i>
March 8	8:30 AM	Louise Serio, Cassie Sheehan, Jerry Duncan, Charles & Rita Serio, Theresa Soileau, Aliye Ringe, Lam Thanh Tu, Eva Hebert, Flora Rivette, Marie Simoneaux		March 23	
March 9		<i>No Daily Mass or C.S.</i>		March 24	8:30 AM Mona Barber
March 10	8:30 AM	Karen Maggio		March 25	8:30 AM Robert Stewart
March 11	8:30 AM	Terry Hogue		March 26	4:00 PM Rachael Lorio, Buddy Doming, R.B. Maranto, Bruce Melancon, Johnny Martone, Irma Laird, Richard Ryder, Sonny Mitchell, Flora Rivette, Ryan Rabalais Family
March 12	4:00 PM	Irma & Elmer Laird		March 27	8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased
March 13	8:00 AM	Brenda Guerin			10:00 AM Frank Carmena, Jr.
	10:00 AM	Frank Carmena, Willamine Browning, Stacey Silvio, Harris Lemoine, John Franklin, Jr., Floyd Wagster, Sr., Floyd Wagster, Jr., Adrian & Mae Kaiser, OJ & Margaret Temple, Bob Cockerham			12:00 PM Bart Crochet
	12:00 PM	James Thomas		March 28	8:30 AM Mona Barber
March 14	8:30 AM	Marvin Garrene		March 29	8:30 AM Camille & Gilbert Lastrapes, John Franklin, Jr., Floyd Wagster, Sr., Floyd Wagster, Jr., Diana Graham, Irma Laird, David House, Marie Simoneaux, Flora Rivette, Ella Landry
March 15	8:30 AM	John Scarbrough, Dana Rodgers, Kenlie Jackson, Carol Harelson, Buddy Doming, Brent Leonard, Irma & Elmer Laird,		March 30	<i>No Daily Mass or C.S.</i>
				March 31	8:30 AM Pam Peterson

** Mass Intentions as of February 18, 2022*

The PrimeTimers Present Richard O'Quinn from Central Physical Therapy

The PrimeTimers will be hosting a special presentation by Physical Therapist Richard O'Quinn from Central Physical Therapy on Tuesday, March 29 at 9:30 AM in the St. Francis Room. The focus of this presentation will be vertigo, the medical name for a condition that causes many people to experience dizziness.

One kind of vertigo is Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo or BPPV. BPPV is responsible for 35% of all reported cases of dizziness. It can be caused by a blow to the head, allergies, flu-like symptoms, or even ear infections!

In a study in the UK, researchers found that BPPV is the most common cause of dizziness in the elderly and is a risk factor in falls. The study found a 64% reduction in falls in those who were diagnosed with BPPV and successfully treated.

Richard O'Quinn, PT, is one of only four people in the Baton Rouge metropolitan area to have earned certification for Vestibular Rehabilitation at Emory. If you experience dizziness, there is no need to suffer! Come learn how physical therapy could help you.

Expectant Parents

The following couples have been blessed with new life to nurture: **Kyle and Megan Mautner**. If you or someone you know is expecting, call 225-261-4650 and let us know their names and the month their baby is due.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

All of today's readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do my words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for - and generous in sharing - the abundance God has poured into my life?

For February 19-20, 2022, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$ 13,992.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,316.00
Parish Soft	\$ 5,695.00
Bank Draft	\$ 3,084.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$ 800.00
Parish Soft	\$ 490.00

Children

	\$ 62.00
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Latin America

	\$ 5.00
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SVDP - Ash Wednesday February 16 - March 2, 2022

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