



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God and they shall be my people.
— Jeremiah 31:33

Mass Intentions (March 20 - 25, 2018)

Tues.	Geraldine Suire
Wed.	Ginger Laughlin
Thur.	Melvin D. Scales
Fri.	Sr. Kathleen O'Malley
Sat.	Melvin D. Scales
Sun: 8 am	A.J. Lapeyrolerie
10:30 am	For the Parish

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Monday:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	Spring begins
Friday:	Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

REPENTANCE

God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins. —St. Anselm

Save the date....

Southeast Texas Hospice will hold their annual Mystery Dinner on Mon., April 16th and Tues., April 17th at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Orange. This year's presentation is "AND THE OLD MAN DIED". \$30 per person. For more information or to get tickets, call (409) 886-0622. Tickets go fast...make your reservation today!

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On Sunday, March 25th at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Education Building, there will be a meeting for all 8th - 12th grade students (and their parents) interested in attending the Diocesan Youth Convention this Summer. Paperwork will need to be filled out...so please plan to attend.



Pray for the sick of our Parish

George Peery Betty Duhon
Carol Faulk Lou Garriga

Collections for March 11, 2018



Envelope Collection	13,232.50
Loose Collection	672.00
Total Operating Income	13,904.50

Building Fund	1,116.00
Good Samaritan.....	35.00
Catholic Relief Services	1,645.79
Holy Land.....	5.00

All RE Classes resume this Wednesday, March 21st.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	7:00 pm (no morning Mass)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	until 10:00 pm
Good Friday	3:00 pm (no morning Mass)
Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
Easter Morning	8:00 am & 10:30 am



Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D. invites **YOU** to attend the **Chrism Mass** that he will concelebrate with all the priests of the Diocese of Beaumont on **Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30 pm** at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. This prayerful and memorable Mass is the most prayerful way to journey through Holy Week.



Please remember in your prayers those who died recently:

Parnel Reed

Our sympathy goes out to the family.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalms — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]



03/18	KC Blood Drive 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
"	KC Corporate Communion 10:30 am Mass
03/20	Legion of Mary 5:30 pm
"	KC Family Night 6:30 pm
03/21	Adoration 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

03/21	RE Classes
03/22	RCIA 7:00 pm
"	Choir Practice 7:00 pm
03/23	KC Fish Fry 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
"	Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

For more info go to:
www.sthenrybctx.org

Our Parish in Action...

Eucharistic Adoration Every Wednesday—after 8 AM Mass until 8 PM. Call Odette Hill at 344-2005 if you are able to dedicate an hour of prayer on a weekly basis.

Legion of Mary—meets each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For more info contact Judy at 749-4101 or Annette 735-9342.

10:30 AM Choir—meets for rehearsal every Thursday at 7 PM in the Church. New members are always welcome.

Al-Anon Meetings—meetings are every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Library of the Education Building. For more information, call Cindy at 749-9036 or Mike at 718-0333.

Ladies of St. Henry—meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month (Sept-May) at **10 AM** in the Activities Bldg. Call Tenna Walker at 313-6596 for info.

Young at Hearts Group meets the 1st Tuesday each month for a pot luck luncheon in the Religious Ed. Bldg. at 11:30 a.m. Contact Peggy Biddle, Ruth Wallace or Judy Cole for more information.

Bunco meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in RE Bldg. Call Tracey Broussard at 344-2341 for more info.

Knights of Columbus—Officer's Meeting the Wed. before the Business Meeting; Business meetings are the 2nd Tues.; Family Night 3rd Tues. Call Carl Thibodeaux at 238-2116 for more info.

R.C.I.A. - meets on Thursday's at 7pm in the Religious Ed Building.

Bereavement Committee—If you would like to help provide food for families of deceased parishioners, call Barbara Piat at 735-5119.

Social Committee—plans and hosts Parish dinners and receptions at our Parish. Call Debbie Gregg at 988-1243 for more info.

Gather the Children will be every Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass (except for holiday weekends). Contact Alicia Romero (718-6407) if you are interested in helping.

Parishioners preparing to enter the hospital for non-emergency medical treatment or surgery are asked to call our parish office and make an appointment to receive the Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** entering the hospital, if so desired.

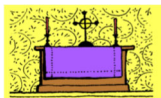
If anointing is desired **AFTER** entry into the hospital, please contact the following:

- For **Christus St. Mary Hospital** contact the chaplain department of the hospital
- For **Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital** contact the chaplain department of the hospital
- For **The Medical Center of Southeast Texas** contact St. Charles Church in Nederland at 722-3413

CATHOLIC CLERICAL STUDENT FUND...

sponsored by the DCCW of the Diocese of Beaumont. You can remember a loved one living or deceased with enrollment for \$5 and for \$10 or more the name will be printed in the ETC. This fund benefits the education of men for the priesthood. Call Runella Primeaux at (409) 332-5098 for more information.

Parents and Grandparents, please do not let your little ones walk on the seats or stand on the pew backs. We are finding grit and dirt from shoes in the pews and scratches in the wood. Also, please try not to feed your little ones during Mass...stains are appearing on the pews and some are hard to get out. Thank you!!



Altar Cleaning for March
Judy Cole Ann Hebert
Dee Stelly Judy Talbert

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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We do **NOT** receive mail at the physical address.

Married Outside the Church?

If you cannot receive the sacraments due to marriage outside the Church, and you wish to return to the Eucharist, please make an appointment with a priest or deacon of the parish to determine what canonical process may be possible to remedy your situation. You may call Fr. Steve at 409.735.2422 to get more info.

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