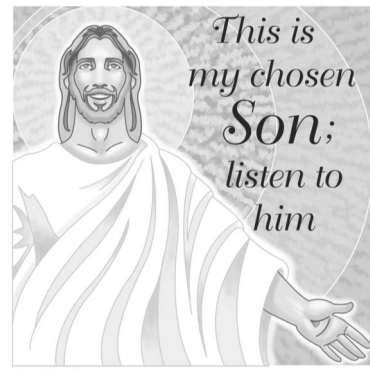


# STAND FIRM IN THE LORD



It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies

of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-1, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** 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
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you (or a loved one) are sick for a considerable amount of time, please call the parish office to arrange to receive the Eucharist at home.

## BLACK HISTORY QUOTE

"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination." *Nelson Mandela*

# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY: 4:00 PM**

Keenan Duffy, Rita & Leroy Stemley, Clifton Kye Chaisson

**SUNDAY: 8:00 AM**

Melvin & Helen Siner Mouton, Shawne Helene Siner

For the intention of **Queen of Peace Parishioners**

*Please remember the sick of our parish...*

Jalana Despanie, Elizabeth Alexander, Johnny Alexander, Shirley Alexander, Joseph Ashton, Kevin Angelle, Joseph Batiste, Mary Batiste, Darrell Bellard, Lorena Benoit, Carson Breaux, Evangeline Breaux, Georgie Breaux, Odelia Breaux, Rose Breaux, Barry Broussard, Brunella Broussard, Ezola Broussard, Glinda Broussard, Georgiana Broussard, Lobbie Broussard, Jessie Broussard, Chad Brown, Widney Brown, Sr., Thomas Brown, Sr., Albert Bushnell, Mabel Malveaux, Kimberly Malveaux, Mable Francis, Jessie Roberts, Calvin John, Sr., Virginia John, Suzanne Williams, John Murray, Verna Sam, Aurelia Bernard, Verna Young, Deborah Breaux, Celina Roberts, David Allen Cormier, Denzel Cormier, Linda Sonnier, Betty Lewis, Ashton Bernard, Jr., Paul Alexander, Rose Alexander, Cora Ned, Patrick Ned, Lou Ann Green, Joseph Ashton Smith, Jr.

*(Please notify the Parish Office if there are any status changes).*

## ADVERTISE IN BULLETIN



Consider sponsoring an advertisement in our weekly bulletin. You can advertise your business, promote your parish organization, or place a personal ad in our weekly bulletin. For Bulletin Advertising Information: Please contact: Rey Barron at rbarron@diocesan.com or call 512-577-9411 for more information. Thank You!

## Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary candle is lit in memory of **Roland Richard**

## NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new to our church community, please call the office or pick up registration form located in the Narthex to register.

# March 9, 2025 Weekly Offering

Weekly Budget	\$8,000.00
Collection	\$5,538.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,347.00
Maintenance Fund	\$230.00

Thank you, your generosity is appreciated!

## Minister's Schedule

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

March 22-23, 2025

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

Brenda B. Montgomery – Lector  
Freddie Vallier – Lector  
Eugene Colomb – Eucharistic Minister

**Sunday 8:00 AM**

Lizzie Murray – Lector  
Joseph G. Wiltz – Lector  
Joseph Sylvester, Sr. – Eucharistic Minister

**Sunday 11:00 AM**

Kennedy Henry – Lector  
Shukura Henry – Lector  
Marie Alexander – Eucharistic Minister  
Gabriella Pilot – Eucharistic Minister

If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement from among the Ministers.

## ON-LINE GIVING

Consider making church contributions on-line. There are two options to choose from: Through Diocese web-site (Parish Give 52), <https://diolaf.org/online-parish-giving> or Our Lady Queen of Peace web-site: <https://queenofpeacelafayette.org/give/#give>.

## LENTEN MISSION

The Lenten Mission will be Monday and Tuesday, March 17 & 18 beginning at 6:00pm to 7:30pm each night. The Sisters of the Gospel will perform the Old Testament Monday night and the New Testament Tuesday night. Please join in for two nights of Great Acting and Spiritual Awakening.

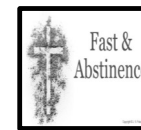
## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



All are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent beginning at 5:30 pm, March 21, 28 April 4 & 11.

# LENTEN REMINDERS

**FASTING** is required for all Catholics ages 18-59. Fast means only one full meal, with two smaller meals not to equal the one full meal.



**ABSTINENCE from all meat** for all Catholics ages 14 and older. **Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.**

**FASTING:** Its purpose is to experience the effects of not eating. It also serves to be a penance or a sacrifice – for the purpose of strengthening us. When we don't eat, for even a little while, we get hungry. When we get hungry, we have a heightened sense of awareness. If, when we eat too much, we have a sluggish feeling, when we fast, we have a feeling of alertness. Fasting is a wonderful exercise whenever we want to sincerely ask for an important grace from God. It is not that our fasting "earns" God's attention, but by fasting, we clarify our thinking and our feeling. It is purifying and prepares us to pray more deeply.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

### Lenten Alms Change Lives

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. **If you do not have a Rice Bowl, they are available in the Narthex.**

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

All are encouraged to pray for the priests who work in the Diocese of Lafayette each day. Every day there is a specific intention for one of our priests for special consideration; the specific intentions this week are:

- ❖ Monday, March 17th – Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF
- ❖ Tuesday, March 18th - Rev. Michael Arnaud
- ❖ Wednesday, March 19th - Rev. Singarayar Arockiam
- ❖ Thursday, March 20th - Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, SVD
- ❖ Friday, March 21st - Rev. Matthew Barzare
- ❖ Saturday, March 22nd – Rev. Reed Michael Bellingham
- ❖ Sunday, March 23th – Rev. Herbert Bennerfield

**Prayer:** 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.

## AFRICAN PROVERB

When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot hurt you.