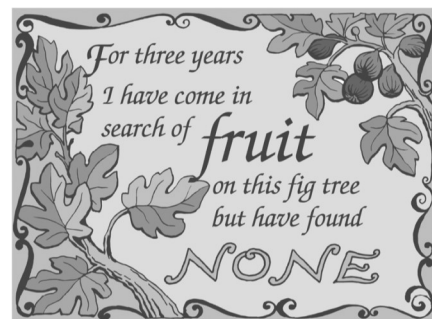


MID-LENT CHECK-IN



God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The Lord, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of

Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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.

AFRICAN PROVERB

Once you carry your own water, you'll remember every drop.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

M/M John Carlton James, Louise Mouton, Carl Brown, Keenan Duffy, Rita & Leroy Stemley, Thomas & Hilda Viltz, Ophelia Winters Johnson

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM

Melvin & Helen Siner Mouton, Shawne Helene Siner, Janice Guss, Octavia Steib Guss, Robert Steib

THURSDAY: 5:30 PM: Rita Stemley (8th Anny)

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM

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 or promote your parish organization in our weekly bulletin. You can also place a personal ad

(such as "In Memory of a Loved One") in our weekly bulletin. Please see the Bulletin Board in the Narthex for more information. Please contact: Christian Gambel for more detailed information to place ads. Thank You!

SHORT LENT PRAYERS

The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Lord, help me to serve others with love and compassion. Amen. **Matthew 25:40**

March 16, 2025 Weekly Offering

Weekly Budget	\$8,000.00
Collection	\$5,502.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$106.00
Maintenance Fund	\$985.00

Thank you, your generosity is appreciated!

Minister's Schedule

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

March 29-30, 2025

Saturday 4:00 PM

Blaine Minix – Lector
Anazia Andrus-Sam – Lector
Dionne Martin – Eucharistic Minister

Sunday 8:00 AM

Keevy Narcisse, Jr. – Lector
Andrettie Bellard – Lector
Donna Arceneaux – Eucharistic Minister

Sunday 11:00 AM

Mary Johnson – Lector
Gayle James – Lector
Paul Carter – Eucharistic Minister
Lydale Carter – 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>.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

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.

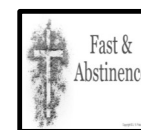
UNTO ETERNAL GLORY

We send our deepest condolences to the following families as they mourn the loss of their beloved family members:

Mr. Perkin Auguillard, Sr., Ms. Brenda Prejean, and Mr. Ashton Bernard, Jr. May they rest in eternal peace. Please keep the **Auguillard family, Prejean family and Bernard family** in your thoughts and prayers.

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 24th – Very Rev. C. Paul Bergeron
- ❖ Tuesday, March 25th - Rev. Donald Bernard
- ❖ Wednesday, March 26th - Rev. Conley Bertrand
- ❖ Thursday, March 27th - Rev. Paul Bienvenu
- ❖ Friday, March 28st - Very Rev. William Blanda, VF
- ❖ Saturday, March 29th – Rev. Howard Blessing
- ❖ Sunday, March 30th – Very Rev. Kevin Bordelon, JCL, JV