



St. Philomena Catholic Church

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Office Hours:
Monday • Thursday 8:30am - 4:00pm
Closed on Fridays

Mass Times:
Saturday 4:00pm • Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am
Monday 5:30pm; Tuesday 5:30pm; Thursday
7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30pm and by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism:
Contact DRE in advance of birth

Sacrament of Matrimony:
Contact pastor six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick:
Contact pastor anytime

St. Vincent dePaul:
Food distribution 1st & 3rd
Wednesday of each month at 1pm
in Fr. Berthault Hall

Perpetual Adoration Chapel
Fr. Berthault Hall
118 Convent St., Labadieville, La.
Chapel co-ordinators,
Gail Ledet 526-1816 • Anne LaRose 526-6968

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 7, 2010

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger
and abounding in kindness. *Psalm 103:8*



TRAINING CLASSES

for

Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers
Monday, March 8, 2010, at 6:00 P.M.

Readers
Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 6:30 P.M.

Fr. Michael will hold the classes in the church. Sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, and readers presently serving, those who have recently signed up for these ministries through our Stewardship of Ministry cards, and any one interested in becoming ministers are asked to please attend the classes.

Thank you for giving your time and talents.

Third Sunday of Lent
 Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9
 The Lord is kind and merciful.

This Week



SATURDAY:	Vigil Mass	4:00 P.M.	Alton Lagrange & Family
SUNDAY: March 7th <i>(Third Sunday of Lent)</i>	Mass	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners
	Mass	10:00 A.M.	Millie Bertram
MONDAY:		4:30-5:20 P.M.	K-4th grade religion classes
		5:30-6:30 P.M.	5th-8th grade religion classes
	Mass	5:30 P.M.	Deceased parishioners of St. Philomena
		6:30-7:45 P.M.	9th-10th grade religion classes (including Catholic school students)
		6:00 P.M.	Sacristans and Eucharistic ministers training classes in church
TUESDAY:	Mass	5:30 P.M.	Antonia Navarre, Jennifer Arceneaux, Shirley L. Boudreaux, Maybelle Cancienne, Lindon Naquin, Sr., Nolan, Sr. & Marion Blanchard (Way of the Cross after Mass)
		6:30 P.M.	Readers training class in church
WEDNESDAY:	Mass	7:30 A.M.	Open (for intention, phone the office)
		1:00-4:00 P.M.	St. Philomena Thrift Store open
THURSDAY:	Mass	7:30 A.M.	Ruth & Horace Benoit, Claude Chauvin, Curman Chauvin
FRIDAY:			No activities
SATURDAY:	Vigil Mass	4:00 P.M.	Florence Gravois
SUNDAY: March 14th <i>(Fourth Sunday of Lent)</i>	Mass	8:00 A.M.	George & Alma Thibodeaux
	Mass	10:00 A.M.	F o r p a r i s h i o n e r s



THE MYSTERIOUS ONE – Last Sunday we gathered with Peter, John, and James at the mountain of Transfiguration and were summoned to listen to God's chosen Son. This week the scriptures draw us into the mystery of just who that God is. The first reading, perhaps one of the best known in the Bible, recounts the story of Moses and the burning bush, when the mysterious divine name is revealed. The responsorial psalm is a hymn extolling the attributes of God. Saint Paul and the Lord Jesus describe a God who judges and metes out punishment. No matter the lengths to which the scriptures go, we know that no amount of words will ever come close to capturing who God is. Our lives and our Lents are really journeys toward that mysterious One who will one day welcome us into the heavenly home that awaits those who put their trust in God alone.

St. Philomena Adoration Chapel

Hours needing adorers: Tuesday 1am (adorer to alternate weeks), Wednesday 3am, 2pm (for 2nd week), Thursday 1am, 3pm, and Saturday 7am. Please phone Gail Ledet 526-1816 or Anne LaRose 526-6968 to cover any hour listed. Many blessings and favors have been granted through our adoration chapel. Think of becoming an adorers!

Prayer Line

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick in our parish and those on the prayer line. If you know of someone in extra need of prayer, phone Connie 526-4288, and add their name to the Prayer Line.



February 28, 2010

\$3,095.00 (169 envelopes)

655.37 loose

\$3,750.37 total

Black & Indian Mission

\$339.00 (53 envelopes)

Second collection this weekend is for the Building/Maintenance Fund.

Thank you for your generous giving!

Easter Flower Donations

Provided in your March offering packet is an Easter flower offering envelope. Please use the envelope to make your donation for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. Donations may be dropped in the collection basket. The memorial list will be printed in the Easter bulletin. We appreciate your generous donations.

In Memory of

Sanctuary Light
Fr. David Chauvin

To schedule the sanctuary light, chapel candles, bulletins or missalettes in memory of loved ones, please phone the office.

Bayou Right To Life

Bayou Right to Life, in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring a Respect Life Noon Luncheon Program at St. Jules Church in Belle Rose on Sunday, March 14. Meal ticket deadline is March 9. Cost of the meal is a \$10 tax-deductible donation to the non-profit Bioethics Defense Fund. Speaker will be Dorinda Bordlee, pro-life attorney from Metairie and Vice President of the Fund. For ticket information call Anne LaRose (526-6968) or James Hubbell at 369-6580 or hubbell j@bellsouth.net.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Knights of Columbus Lenten Suppers

March 12 – Seafood gumbo and potato salad

March 19 – White beans, fried fish and coleslaw

March 26 – Shrimp and crab etouffee and potato salad

Suppers (\$7) served from 5:00 - 7:00P.M. Sweets also sold.

Vocation View

When called by the Lord, Moses' immediate response was "Here I am." If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, call or email Fr. Matt Lorrain at 225.336.8778, mlorrain@diobr.org or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

DAMAGE – Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

Today's gospel (Luke 13:1- 9) is a bit obscure. Some folks were questioning Jesus about two tragic incidents. The first was that Pilate had ordered the slaughter of several Jews while they were offering sacrifice at the temple in Jerusalem. The second was an accident: a tower at Siloam fell and killed eighteen people. At the time of Jesus, the common explanation for sudden death was that the victim had sinned. And yet, these people didn't seem so very sinful, especially those who died right in the midst of their prayer. Jesus explains that it was not their sin that killed them and then brings home the lesson: We should seize the day and realize that life is short and unpredictable.

Sometimes we live our lives vacillating between two attitudes: the attitude of "*I Can Do It Anytime*" and the attitude of "*It's Too Late For Me.*"

We work late hours as if our children will always be small. We drink too much, eat too much, smoke too much, exercise too little, as if "*I Can Do It Anytime*" or "*It's Too Late For Me.*" We fail to forgive, fail to call a dying friend, fail to write that thank-you note, fail to say we're sorry, fail to find true love, because "*I Can Do It Anytime*" or "*It's Too Late For Me.*"

Whether we're seven or seventy years old—we don't have limitless time, but as long as we're on this earth, it's not too late. Jesus' time—God's time—and therefore, OUR time—is NOW. And whatever the damage done, whatever the heartache and the losses, we can know happiness. And a little bit of happiness at the end of life miraculously makes up for even a long life of suffering. In fact, it seems that the greater the suffering, the greater the joy when we step through to the other side. And isn't that the root of our faith? That from death is new life; life in abundance such as we had never dreamed.

The only thing it's too late for is waiting for anytime. Anytime never comes. Paige Byrne Shortal

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MEDITATION

Seize
the
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Liturgical Schedule for March 13 & 14, 2010			Matthew Guild Group A
Masses	4:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
Altar Servers	Celeste Bourg, Connor Cavalier	Cole Bourg, Hope Bourg	Lance Hebert, Dalton Prince
Sacristans	Alvin & Rosa Lou Molaison	Anna Aysen, Norma Landry	Pat Carrier
Reader & Commentator	Rosa Lou Molaison, Kris Guillot	Beryl Gros, Sherry Delcambre	Sue Aysenne, Pat Carrier
Ministers of Holy Communion	Elvin & Barbara Ponvelle, <u>Merry Arceneaux</u>	<u>Terry Agosta</u> , Tammy Landry, Dianne Savoy	Brent & Cathy Landry, <u>Shirlene Boudreaux</u>