

# Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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## FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY • CUARTO MISTERIO DOLOROSO



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT • CUARTO DOMINGO DE GUARESMA

*The Carrying of the Cross - Jesús con la Cruz a Cuestas*

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## **FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE**

### **Parish Staff**

Pastor.....	Fr. Todd Lloyd
Par. Vicar.....	Fr. Amalraj Savarimuthu
Permanent Deacon.....	Deacon Don Musso
Permanent Deacon.....	Deacon Mark Berard
Permanent Deacon.....	Deacon Mark Reynaud
Bus. Mgr/Dir. of Ministry.....	Geri Guarino
Receptionist.....	Andrea Leger
Secretary.....	Caryn Didier
Bookkeeper.....	Darlene Moscona
Director of Music.....	Chad LeBlanc
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Office of Christian Formation (225) 751-6230	
West Giffin, Director	
Celeste Rabalais, School Coordinator	
Child Protection Coordinator.....	Roslyn Landry
Child Protection office - (225) 753-5526	

### **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**MARRIAGE:** Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL:** Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA:** If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

### **Confession:**

Confessions: Fridays 7:45 a.m., Saturdays 3:00 p.m. and Mondays 7:45 a.m.

### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.  
Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. except during school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

### **MBS School**

8033 Baringer Road  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

**Principal:** Cheri Gioe  
**School Phone** 751-0273 / Fax: 753-7259

**Extended Care:** Sheena Gauthier  
751-0023

### **MBS Early Learning Center**

7853 Broker Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

**Director:** Laurina Conger 752-8829

## *Respect Life News . . .*

### **Pregnancy Crisis Help**

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, STOP and call the parish office (225) 752-6230 to be put in touch with a member of the Respect Life Committee. We can provide love and compassion, support and multiple resources available to help you through this challenging time. You are not alone.

### **Respect Life Ministry**

*The Respect Life ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mark room. Our next meeting is March 21st.*

*All are welcome.*

## *Save The Date . . .*



### **MBS Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sunday, April 2nd**

**2:00 pm**

**Church Grounds**

**Babies - 3rd Grade**

In Christ,

In the Roman Missal (the red book instructing the priest on liturgy) the following rubric is given on the Fifth Sunday of Lent: *In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.* This veiling of statues and images is an old custom in the Church.



When this tradition started is not very clear. It goes back at least to the medieval period. In the 9<sup>th</sup> century there was a custom called the "hunger cloth" which was a violet cloth that hung between the sanctuary and the nave (where the people sit) so that the whole altar was out of view of the people. This was to force a "fast of the eyes". We not only were fasting of certain foods, but even of *seeing* things in church. And as the name suggests, it was meant to cause a hunger for what was to come; the unveiling of the sanctuary. But this kind of hunger is not supposed to be merely for seeing the statues, images, and altar of church, but ultimately a hunger to see the angels, saints, and Jesus himself, unveiled in heaven. Apparently over time the one large veil covering everything turned into smaller veils.

Lent, especially as we move closer to the memorial of the Lord's Passion, is a time for dying to this world and looking forward to the next. Jesus' true identity was veiled from the eyes of men during his time on earth; and no time more so than when he was being crucified. For this reason, it is appropriate that holy statues and images be veiled from our sight during this time. Some older commentaries of the Roman Missal saw the veiling of crosses and other images as a way to remind us of Jesus' humiliation, and force us to imprint the image of his cross more deeply in our hearts, since we cannot see it with our eyes.

For the next two weeks our crucifix and statues will be veiled in church. While this short period can be odd and challenging, it is a helpful reminder that, really, our eyes are always veiled. We are never able to *really* see the full truth in church. The Lord's presence in the Eucharist is real and true, but our eyes cannot see it. The Holy Spirit's presence in church as we gather for worship and prayer is real, but we cannot see him. The angels and saints gather with us at every Mass, even though we cannot see them. Even when we look at each other we do not see the whole person with our eyes; there is more to you and me than what we see, veiled and unseen by our physical eyes.

Why can we not see everything fully? Because, we are on this side of the veil of death. We benefit from Christ's Passion right now, but we are still affected by sin and imperfection. Once we have died and, God willing, been purified of all effects of sin, we will see God face to face, and the angels and saints and each other more clearly than we can see anything right now (cf. 1 Cor. 13:12). The veil will be completely lifted. The light of Christ will shine perfectly. His passion, death, and resurrection will have its perfect and complete effect on us. But we are not there yet.

The temporary veils in church at this time remind us of these truths. As we approach the celebrating of the Cross and Resurrection, we are acknowledging our inability to see clearly due to the stigmatism of sin and the opaqueness of this world. On Holy Saturday night, however, in the dark, our eyes will be slowly opened again as the light of the paschal candle, the light of Christ, is spread throughout the church. As our sight becomes clearer with the dawn of Christ's Resurrection, we will be able to see again, without veils, our Lord and the saints in the church. This is all a reminder of what is still to come for us at the end of this life and the beginning of the next, thanks to what we celebrate on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Totus Tuus,  
Fr. Todd Lloyd

## **MBS Prayer Opportunities During Lent**

### **Daily Masses during Lent**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:45 a.m.; Thursday (with the school children) at 8:15 a.m.

### **Thursday evenings during Lent**

Confessions will begin at 5:00 p.m. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We will also have recitation of Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluding at 7:00 p.m. We will offer this every Thursday evening except during Holy Week when it will be moved to Wednesday. The dates are for nine consecutive weeks: Feb. 16th, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 2nd, Mar. 9th, Mar. 16th, Mar. 23rd, Mar 30th, April 5th, and April 13th

### **Friday evenings during Lent**

We will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. in church on the following Friday evenings: Feb. 24th, Mar. 3rd, Mar. 10th, Mar. 17th, Mar. 24th and Mar. 31st

### **Saturday mornings during Lent**

Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and end with Benediction.



Are you missing a pair of glasses, or a prayer book, maybe an umbrella, or your children's toys, a well stocked diaper bag, maybe your bible or rosary? We may have found it and saved it for you in the lost and found section in the Narthex of church. Come take a look and possibly find what you're looking for!



Registration for the May 4-7th Women's ACTS retreat will be open March 11-31st. ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service.

The retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually, and to build strong lasting friendships. Look for more information on the application link or call director, Anne Matthews with further questions at 225-405-8008.

An advertisement for Momentum Building Services. The background shows the interior of a church with wooden pews and stained glass windows. The Momentum Building Services logo is at the top. The text reads:

**MOMENTUM  
BUILDING  
SERVICES**

We are honored to announce that Momentum Building Services will be providing services to The Most Blessed Sacrament Church and School.

We would like to offer part time employment to all MBS members as priority should they be interested.

**Share your passion for God and the love of service**

For more info:  
225-402-0160

Where to apply:  
17747 Airline Hwy, Suite 102  
Prairieville, LA 70769

## FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE



Metanoia Manor was founded in 2018 by Fr. Jeffery Bayhi and is a faith-based residential facility. This program offers a place of refuge to female adolescent victims of human trafficking, in which to heal physically and mentally. Metanoia provides biologically born girls aged 11-18 with mental, physical, and spiritual health, instruction in academics, life skills, and job training.

**Metanoia Manor is in need of the following items:**

- Inexpensive earbuds
- Cleaning and laundry supplies
- Art supplies, specifically an item named Pour Paint. The girls love doing art projects and they can't keep this supply stocked enough.
- Toys for young girls

**Please bring items to church at any of the masses next weekend, March 25-26, or drop off at the church office the following week until March 31**



### Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

All are invited to join us for nine evenings of prayer... **Thursdays: February 16 & 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; April 5 and 13.**

Preceding the feast of Divine Mercy, April 16th, we will venerate the holy image of Divine Mercy, pray the chaplet given to St. Faustina, and offer to Jesus in the novena our own souls and those of the whole world.

**Most Blessed Sacrament Church**  
**5 p.m. Confession**  
**6 p.m. Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

## MBS LENTEN DINNERS

**FRIDAYS**  
**MAR 3 - MAR 31**  
**5:00 - 7:00**

**FISH DINNER \$10**  
**SHRIMP DINNER \$10**  
**WEEKLY ENTREE \$10**  
**CRAWFISH PIE \$3**

### NEW THIS YEAR

**NO DRIVE-THRU**  
**FRIED SHRIMP IS BACK**

**WEEKLY SPECIALTY ENTREE**  
MAR 3 Shrimp & Corn Soup  
MAR 10 Shrimp Stew  
MAR 17 Crawfish Etouffee  
MAR 24 Crawfish Casserole  
MAR 31 Shrimp Fettuccine

Due to construction, we will go back to selling dinners inside the Ott Center (next to the gym).

DINE-IN or TO-GO

Hosted by the  
MBS MEN'S CLUB

Cash, Checks, &  
Cards Accepted

Dinners begin the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
week of Lent (March 3)

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## **Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement**

***The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.***

### **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

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Sat. March 18	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	St. Anthony High Alumnae & families Carl Dietrich Mike Lloyd Ashleigh & Alex Culivan Deceased Members of the Lawrence Cannon Family Scott Hymel Justin Averette John Lawrence
Sun. March 19	8:00 am	For The People
	9:45 am	Henry Toluoso Doug Woolfolk Matthew Guillot Herman & Emilda Ohordorff Judy Hartmann Fred Young Inez & Louis Fox Barbara Simoneaux Johnny Freeman Scott Hymel Justin Averette Jenell Calmes Manuel Glynn Fontenot Ed Campanella
	11:30 am	Darrell Cox Irene Berthelot Linda White The Arthur Aucoin Family Grace Gary Scott Hymel Justin Averette The Adam McGee Family The Bernard Hahn Family
Mon. March 20	8:45 am	Beatrice Fredrick Brent Allain
Tues. March 21	8:45 am	Loretta DiLaura
Wed. March 22	8:45 am	
Thurs. March 23	8:15 am	
Fri. March 24	8:45 am	

### **SUNDAY READINGS**

(1st) 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
(Pslm) 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
(2nd) Eph 5:8-14  
(Gosp) Jn 9:1-41

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

### **STEWARDSHIP OFFERING March 4-5, 2023**

Identified Contributors	\$23,571.00
March 1st Bank Drafts	\$36,242.50
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 1,633.00</u>
Total	\$61,446.50
Capital Campaign	\$ 22,789.17

### **March 11-12, 2023 3rd Sunday of Lent**

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>
<b>4:30 pm</b>	A Loya, Z Torregrossa	S Culivan, L Tabary	(Host) R Rinaudo, C Willis, L Sulik (Cup) T Hollis, E Lee, J Culivan
<b>8:00 am</b>		P Green, A Crain	(Host) A Blount, E Daugherty, C Rabalaix (Cup) L Bayhi, M Robichaux, E Barber
<b>9:45 am</b>	Z LeBlanc, S LeBlanc	D Mathies, L Evans	(Host) L Evans, M Berthelot, M Delafield (Cup) K Decell, D Decell, M Evans
<b>11:30 am</b>	E Laudin, B Meek	B Ragusa, A Fields	(Host) C Edelen, J Johnson, K Browning (Cup) L Landry, D Kennedy, D Gremillion