

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever wishes to enter into the kingdom of heaven must first become like a child. And whoever is not converted and becomes like a child will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

6TH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

- Mt 5:17

A detailed black and white illustration of Jesus Christ, depicted with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a red sash. He is seated on a rock, gesturing with his right hand towards a group of people. The group consists of men and women in traditional robes, some looking at Jesus with interest, others with skepticism. In the foreground, a man is kneeling, holding a staff, looking up at Jesus. The background shows a landscape with hills and a body of water. The entire scene is overlaid with faint, handwritten-style text in green ink.

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.

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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.

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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.

All are welcome.

The next gathering is Tuesday, February 21st.

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

In Christ,

This Thursday, February 16th, begins the parish's Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena which will continue through Lent. Along with Mass, confessions, and stations of the Cross, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is going to be an important form of prayer where we beg for God's Mercy on us and on the whole world. This is appropriate especially in Lent because it is the season where we are preparing to celebrate the very act by which Christ offers that mercy: his passion, death and resurrection.



Each night of the novena we will begin with an opportunity for reconciliation starting at 5PM in the church. St. Faustina, who in visions of Jesus heard the message of Divine Mercy, records our Lord telling her, *"Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy."*

In other places Jesus refers to the sacrament of reconciliation as his "Tribunal of Mercy." He said to Faustina, *"Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation]. There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated. Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late."*

Confessions will conclude at 5:50 and at 6PM we will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The homily will focus on the message of mercy each night. When Mass is concluded the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration. In her diary Faustina records Jesus saying to her, "Now you shall consider My love in the Blessed Sacrament. Here, I am entirely yours, soul, body and divinity, as your Bridegroom."

Then, kneeling before Jesus our Bridegroom, we will pray the novena prayers and sing the chaplet of Divine Mercy. This prayer was given to St. Faustina by Jesus. She writes in her diary that Jesus said to her *"Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy."* The Lord instructed the holy nun to tell the world about this devotion. She heard Jesus say, *"My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one."*

As a parish we will receive absolution in the tribunal of mercy, receive and adore the Bridegroom in the Eucharist, 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. Join us and invite others to make this a part of their Lenten practice: February 16 and 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; April 5 and 13. Do not squander this opportunity. Make time for Divine Mercy in your life.

Jesus, I trust in you!
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Parish Adoration Night
Tuesday, February 28th*
M.B.S. Church
7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the peace and tranquility of music and prayer for one hour in the church.



*Note the date change due to Mardi Gras holiday. Adoration is usually on 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Save The Date . . .

M. B. S. Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 2023

Grades K - 5th grade
(2023-24 school year)

*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 6 and April 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

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Sympathy*

Please pray for the souls of:

Patricia LaFleur

Vicky Hedrick

Let us also remember their family and loved ones in our prayers.



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Baptisms

Please welcome with your prayers the children who were baptized into the family of Most Blessed Sacrament Church during January 2023.

Reece James Webster

Son of Jared & Danielle Webster

Josephine Hope LeBlanc

Daughter of Chad & Rebecca LeBlanc

Lucas Paul Kittrell

Son of Christopher & Brittany Kittrell

Myles Travis LeJeune

Son of Zachary & Leah LeJeune

Lucille Katherine Stari

Daughter of Jordan & Denise Stari



Weddings

Congratulations to these couples who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at MBS.

Treasure Mansur & Dowdie Gendron

January 13, 2023

Nicole Rinaudo & Cameron Fahrig

January 20, 2023

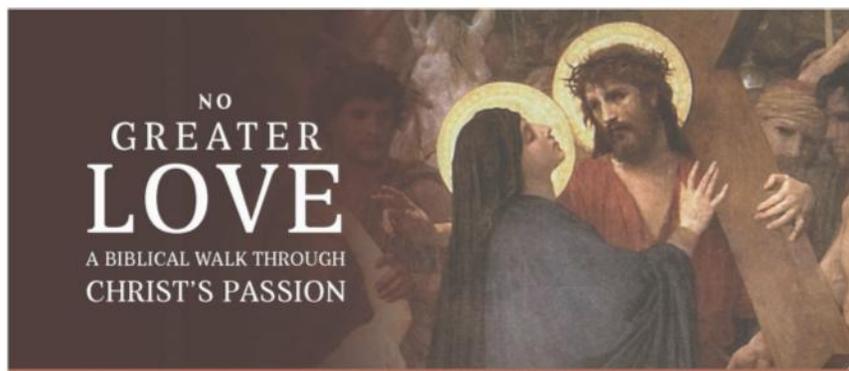
Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Most Blessed Sacrament School Book Fair**. The fair will be held in the Most Blessed Sacrament School Library from Monday, February 13 - Thursday, February 16 during school hours and Friday, February 17 until 12:30.



Most Blessed Sacrament School and Parish families are also invited to attend on Sunday, February 12 after all Masses from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the website at:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/mostblessedsacramentschool>



Dates – Times – Location

MBS St. John Room

Day-time-Tuesdays 9:30-11am
Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28
or
Night-time Wednesdays 6:30-8pm
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Cost – Registration

\$30
Deadline to register is 2/13

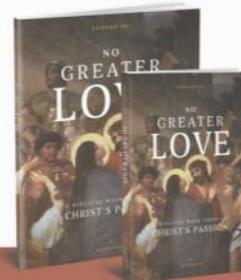
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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Feb. 11	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	For The People
Sun. Feb. 12	8:00 am	Damian Harold Gros Rocky, Louanne, & Rose McCann Michael Ross Scott Hymel Justin Averette
	9:45 am	Henry Tolusso Doug Woolfolk Robert, Michael, & Cody Holmes George & Thelma Pecoraro Herman D. Strohm Jeffrey Templet Leah Esteve Johnny Freeman Scott Hymel Justin Averette
	11:30 am	James McDonald Suzette Gremillion Fontenot Irene Berthelot Linda White The Arthur Aucoin Family Beth Gaston Mollie & Dustin Sylvester Scott Hymel Justin Averette
Mon. Feb. 13	8:45 am	Mr. & Mrs. William Hebert Blanche & Dalton Boudreaux
Tues. Feb. 14	8:45 am	Kasey Kidder Joyce Stoner Rick Mier Dale Clark Glenn Britt Delores Tise
Wed. Feb. 15	8:45 am	Dr. A.J. Giorlando
Thurs. Feb. 16	8:15 am	Dr. A.J. Giorlando
Fri. Feb. 17	8:45 am	Dr. A.J. Giorlando

SUNDAY READINGS

(1st) Sir 15:15-20
(Pslm) 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
(2nd) 1 Cor 2:6-10
(Gosp) Mt 5:17-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a & 2; 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10; Mk 8:41-21

Wednesday Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13; 14-15; Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Masses— Feb. 11-12, 2023	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant - Subject to Change	Fr. Todd Deacon Don	Fr. Todd Deacon Don	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark B	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark B

February 11-12, 2023 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	A Loya, Z Torregrossa	L Tabary, J Scott	C Willis, L Sulik, R Rinaudo, B Magill, J Culivan, E Lee, E Wright
8:00 am		M Gallo, K Gora	J Dietrick, L Bayhi, V Browning, S Daugherty M Authement, S Vermaelen, K Hollier
9:45 am	L Davis	K Andress, A Thibodeaux	M Evans, W Golden, M Leger, L Evans F Fleniken, P Ryan, P Ryan
11:30 am	E Laudun, I Garbutt	T Littlefield, B Ragusa	M Duplantis, K Browning, D Gremillion, M Taffaro J Johnson, L Landry, C Garbutt



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