

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:16

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The Sermon on the Mount, Fra Angelico (circa 1395-1455)

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.

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

Parish Staff

Pastor..... Fr. Todd Lloyd
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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.

All are welcome.

The next gathering is Tuesday, February 21st..

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.



LAY APOSTLES OF THE RETURNING KING

All are invited to attend our prayer group on Sunday, February 12th at 6:30 pm in the St. Mark room. Join us for the rosary and a short reading with reflection. Lay Apostles of the Returning King is a ministry helping lay people develop a deeper relationship with Jesus, so that through us, others may know Him better. If you would like more information, call Claudia Cormier (225) 362-4508.



The Catholic Daughters will hold their meeting on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00 pm. Join us in the St. John Room for a brief meeting from 6:15-6:45 p.m. and then adjourn to walk over to church to attend "The 4th Cup & The Lamb of God" program presented by the ACTS program.

In Christ,

As mentioned last week, Thursday February 16th will begin the parish's Lenten practice of a Novena of Divine Mercy. At the conclusion of a 6PM Mass on nine Thursdays (except Holy Week when it will be Wednesday) leading up to the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. We will conclude these evenings at approximately 7PM with benediction.



Why a novena or nine days of prayer? The nine days recall the nine days that the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. During that time, they waited and prayed for "the promise of the Father," the Holy Spirit, as Jesus instructed them (cf. Acts 1: 4-5). When the days were complete for Pentecost their prayers were answered and Jesus' promise of the Spirit was given. Now there are several novena's which incorporate the same idea; nine days of prayer and petition with trust in special graces from God.

All of us have needs for which there is no ready answer or apparent human solution. Everything from the need for the conversion of a soul dead in sin to healing of physical illness. A seriously wounded relationship. Deliverance from death-dealing habits and addictions. While it may seem at times as though there is no answer or hope for our problems, the truth is there is always an answer, there is always hope, but the answer may exceed human wisdom, ability, or understanding. Jesus said to the synagogue official who had just learned of his young daughter's death, "Fear is useless; what is needed is trust" (Mark 5:36). In the case of that little girl, Jesus raised her from the dead. Raising the dead to life is what faith in Christ is all about. Trust in Jesus Christ is always life-giving, and the message of Divine Mercy is precisely that. As the image of Divine Mercy says, *Jesus, I trust in you!*

Each night of the novena has an intention which Our Lord asked St. Faustina to present to his Divine Mercy. On the first night of the novena, Thursday February 16th, Jesus invites us to bring to him all mankind, especially all sinners, and to immerse them in the ocean of his mercy. He has promised that even the most hardened of sinners are capable of responding to his grace, for "the greater the sinner, the greater the Mercy" of God.

I invite you to come join me in praying before the Lord's Divine Mercy this Lent. Mark your calendars on February 16 and 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; April 5 and 13 as a time of prayer. Bring with you all your needs for God's Mercy. Come for yourself and come for your loved ones, for hope in Christ will not leave you disappointed. Even if you are far from God, especially if you are far from God, please come.

Jesus, I trust in you!
Fr. Todd Lloyd



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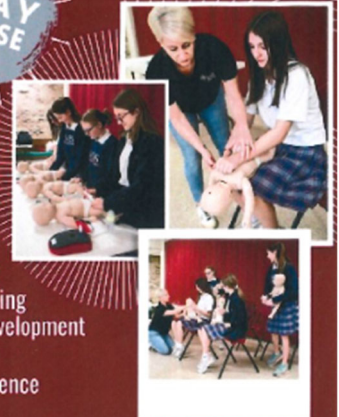
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AND

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH 9:00AM-1:00PM



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www.HelpOurMarriage.org



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or Call 1-800-470-2230 for Information

NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION

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

For More Information

Susie Whitlow

225-505-4296

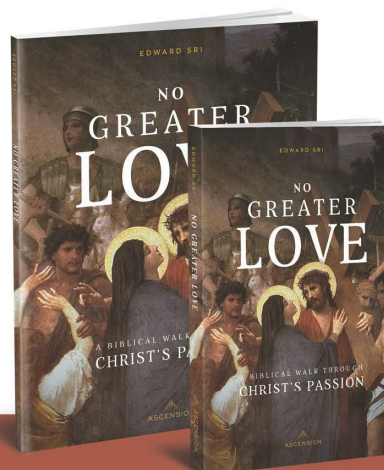
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Thousands sought Jesus during his life.

Only a few followed him to Calvary.

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Feb. 4	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	M.J. LaBorde Bill Hebert Francis Valickas Peter Bondy Darrell Guimont, Sr. Mr & Mrs Henry Simoneaux Mr & Mrs Andrew Bourgeois, Sr. Andrew Bourgeois, III
Sun. Feb. 5	8:00 am	Joseph Dawson Ashleigh Culivan The Tassin Family Irma Melancon
	9:45 am	Ed & Rosemary Evans The Cantey Family Tom Virnich Herman Strohm Jeffrey Templet Lance Keas Michael Ross The Arthur Aucoin Family Gerald Fontenot
	11:30 am	For The People
Mon. Feb. 6	8:45 am	Mr & Mrs William Hebert Blanche & Dalton Boudreaux Carmencita de Gonzalez Gerald Fontenot
Tues. Feb. 7	8:45 am	
Wed. Feb. 8	8:45 am	
Thurs. Feb. 9	8:15 am	
Fri. Feb. 10	8:45 am	

SUNDAY READINGS

(1st) Is 58:7-10
(Pslm) 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
(2nd) 1 Cor 2:1-5
(Gosp) Mt 5:13-16

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gn 1:20 □□.2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10



STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Jan. 28-29, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$15,065.00
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 1,879.00</u>
Total	\$16,944.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 3,101.00

Masses— Feb. 4-5, 2023	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant - Subject to Change	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark B	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark R	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark R	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark R

February 4-5, 2023 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm		J Larson, K Larson	M Weger, E Yurik, J Culivan, E Lee, T Hollis, B Magill, E Wright
8:00 am		K Hollier, A Villa	K Hollier, M Vermaelen, E Barber, J Dietrick, A Blount, W Rabalais, C Rabalais
9:45 am	M Stevens, E Stevens	A Thibodeaux, D Ourso	S Reynaud, L Evans, T Fox, J Laborde, B LaSalle, M Delafield, M Berthelot
11:30 am	N Huff, E Laudun	L Duplantis, C Ryan	D Kennedy, C Edelen, M Duplantis, J Johnson, K Browning, C Garbutt, D Gremillion