

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Lent begins Ash Wednesday
February 14th*

**Masses with distribution of ashes are at
8:45 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:30 p.m.**



Daily Masses during Lent

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

Friday evenings during Lent

Friday evenings will begin at 6:00 p.m. in church with Stations of the Cross. After the Stations of the Cross, there will be Benediction.

Saturday mornings during Lent

On Saturday mornings the Divine Chaplet will be recited at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary, Benediction, and a Communion Service. All are encouraged to attend this service during Lent.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

*The Parish Office
will be closed for
Mardi Gras Holiday on
Monday & Tuesday -
February 12th & 13th*

Parish Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Phil Spano
Mass Assistance.....Fr. Donald Blanchard
Parish Life Coord......Deacon Don Musso
Permanent Deacon..... Deacon Mark Berard
Receptionist.....Andrea Leger
Secretary.....Caryn Didier
Bookkeeper.....Darlene Moscona
Director of Music.....Kathy Duplessis
and Ministry
Youth Director.....West Giffin

Director-Christian Form.....David Planché
Christian Formation phone.....751-5867
Secretary-Christian Form.....Theresa LeBoeuf

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m./Confessions 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday 8:45 a.m. - Communion Service
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 a.m.
Thursday School Mass - 8:15 a.m.

MBS SCHOOL

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

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier 751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

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:** Twice a month, after 11:30 Mass. Call office during pregnancy to sign up and for class information.

•**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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Collections — January 27-28, 2018

Identified Contributions	\$21,131.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$ 2,733.00
Total	\$23,864.00

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. 10	4:30 pm	For The People
Sun. 11	8:00 am	Nell Landry Keith Romero Leon Marcel
	9:45 am	Jeanette Mire Harry Stein, Jr. Susanne Mire JoAnn Balencie
	11:30 am	George & Thelma Pecoraro
Mon. 12	8:45 am	Communion Service
Tue. 13	8:45 am	Andrew Phu Do
Wed. 14	8:45 am	Kasey Kidder Joyce Stoner Delores Tise Dusty Brouillette
	Noon	
	6:30 pm	
Thurs. 15	8:15 am	
Fri. 16	8:45 am	

Good Timers

February is the month of "Love For Family and Friends". All Good Timers are invited to join us for some good ole comfort food, great friendships and musical entertainment! Bring a friend and join us on Wednesday, February 21st at noon in the St. John Room.

PARISH LIFE

Do You Like to Sing at Mass?

Our MBS 9:45 a.m. Choir is beginning our Lent/Easter music planning for the upcoming season. This choir is open to adults of all ages.. If you would like to join us for this dynamic season, we invite you to our choir rehearsals on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the church. If interested, please call Kathy Duplessis at (225) 752-6230.



Training As A Religious Emblem Counselor for Scouting

Catholic Scouts are missing access to religious emblems because their unit may not have a trained counselor. The Catholic Committee on Scouting will have training on Sunday, February 18th at Our Lady of Mercy Library from 1:00—5:00 p.m. Additional information including application is on the website, info.ccosbr.net. This training will prepare a counselor or two in each unit to work with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls in your parish. For questions, contact Kathy Gora at (225) 266-9001.

Volunteers Needed For Vacation Bible School

Most Blessed Sacrament Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the mornings of June 25th through June 29th and is in the planning stages. Before MBS can open registration and assure the parish that we meet Diocese of Baton Rouge Child Protection requirements and mandated supervision ratios, MBS needs a group of ADULT volunteers (over 21 years of age). All adults must be background checked, trained and accepted for MBS to begin the children's registration process. Adults who are current in Child Protection process do not need to go through the process again.

TEEN volunteers will also be needed and additional information regarding teen help will be sent out later. Teens do not need to contact MBS at this time. Watch the bulletin for information on Teen volunteering.

Come join us for this half-day of fun and faith for young children of our parish! To sign up as a VBS ADULT helper...please call Judy Carr (in the evenings) at (225) 335-6563.

Friday Night Lenten Dinners Begin Friday, February 16th

As we know, Catholics are asked to refrain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. MBS has had a long tradition of offering Lenten meals on these Fridays which are prepared and hosted by our MBS Men's Club. Even though one may not consider it much of a sacrifice (the food itself), the men are sacrificing their Fridays to cook, serve, and clean. The proceeds from the dinners are given back to the MBS Parish Social Responsibility Fund in its outreach to the poor. Their contribution, your contribution - helping people - a pretty good Lenten practice in the mix with other practices.

Mark your calendar for the following Fridays: February 16th, February 23th, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th, and March 23rd. You make "take out" or "dine in".

Dinners will be served in the M.B.S. Bishop Ott Center. TO GO orders only may be picked up beginning at 5:00 p.m., and from 6:00-7:30 p.m., you may DINE IN.

The fried fish or fried shrimp dinners are \$7.00/plate and crawfish pies are \$2.00 each. A "combo plate" of catfish & shrimp will also be offered for \$7.00/plate. Each week a special entrée will be offered. The special entrée for Friday, February 16th is Crawfish Casserole.

Any men in the parish willing to give a helping hand, you may call the parish office at (225) 752-6230 for more information.

PARISH LIFE

Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge

In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, as in the rest of the Church in the United States, Catholics ages 18-59 are bound by a *grave obligation* to observe a *solemn fast* on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics ages 14 and up are to *abstain from meat* on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday as well.

To **fast** means to consume only one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink "between meals" (excepting only water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

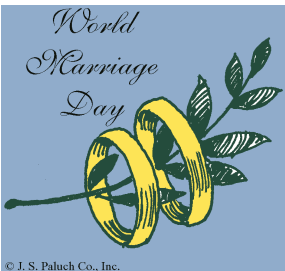
To **abstain from meat** means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although not necessarily eggs, milk products, or meat broths or condiments made from animal fat. The consumption of fish, shellfish, and reptiles (e.g., turtle, alligator) is permitted if desired.

Each in his or her own way, every Christian is *bound to do penance* by virtue of divine law. *Only ill health or some similar situation of urgency excuses.* Christ Jesus' own challenges to "prayer, fasting and almsgiving" are paramount (see the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18). We seek forgiveness for sin (especially in the Sacrament of Penance) and come to appreciate ever more the great sufferings and sacrifice which Jesus experienced for the sake of our salvation.



Parish Adoration Night
Tuesday, February 20th
M.B.S. Church at 7:00 p.m.

Praise and Worship music will be provided by our MBS house band. Adoration will be begin at 7:00 p.m. and end with Benediction (a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament). All ages are welcome and we invite families to come together for this wonderful hour of prayer.



February 11, 2018

World Marriage Day honors the husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, La., in 1981, when couples encouraged the Mayor, the Governor and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentines Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day". The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and was adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership.

By 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "**World Marriage Day**", designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day.

World Marriage Day celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year. Let us also remember and pray for those who experience difficulties and brokenness in marriage and family.

Mass Time - February 10-11, 2018	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Phil	Fr. Phil	Fr. Phil	Fr. Phil

February 10-11, 2018 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	J Torregrossa, L Leger, A Torregrossa	A Torregrossa, L Tabary	C Canale, B Magill, C Chiasson, V Chiasson, B Willis, C Willis, Deacon Don, E Yurik
8:00 am	N Saylor, C McCullough, A Wimberley	E Daugherty, A Villa	S Vermaelen, M Vermaelen, B Webre, J Webre, S Daugherty, E Daugherty, D Romero, K Bourgeois
9:45 am	C Weidman, D Weidman, M Gonzalez	D Davis, A Wilson	T Rinaudo, B Shedlof, R Rossi, L Stevens, E Davis, D Davis, Deacon Don, R Cleland
11:30 am	E Reine, C Lubey, M Lubey	S Long, L Duplantis	K Browning, S Keagle, M Leger, V Webre, D Passman, T Passman, Deacon Don, J Ruh

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