

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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1st Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalms — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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.

Tuesday evenings during Lent

Singing of Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and end with Benediction.

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.

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 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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Collections — February 3-4, 2018

Identified Contributions	\$27,359.00
February 1st Bank Drafts	\$21,310.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$ 2,532.00
Total	\$51,201.00

February Bldg. & Devel. Fund	\$4,531.50
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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. 17	4:30 pm	Michael & Cody Holmes Carl Dietrich Mike Lloyd Gloria Salcedo
Sun. 18	8:00 am	For The People
	9:45 am	Henry Tolusso Warren & Doris Naquin Kathryn M Menard
	11:30 am	Bernard Hahn Mr/Mrs Adam McGee Ann Dickens
Mon. 19	8:45 am	Communion Service
Tue. 20	8:45 am	
Wed. 21	8:45 am	
Thurs. 22	8:15 am	
Fri. 23	8:45 am	Gene Leach Cal Leach

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 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 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.

PARISH LIFE***In Gratitude from The Office of Christian Formation***

With a sincere debt of gratitude, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish would like to express thanks to the many people responsible for this celebration.

We wish to thank all those who had "pieces" of the process. We would like to thank Abby Gordon, Lauren Troxclair, Andrew Chenevert and Mark Segalla, who were all a blessing to our annual Confirmation retreat and coordinated our team of college and high school Peer Ministers. We owe a debt of gratitude to all of our Peer Ministers, for spending months of preparation for our annual retreat. Their faith sharing was invaluable to our process. Thank you also to our volunteers, Judy Bayhi, David Ellis, Wayne Gauthier, Kirbye Hollier, Olivia LeBlanc, Lisa Lloyd, Bryan McClinton and Anna Norah, for their help with all our Confirmation class events.

We are grateful to our Parents and Sponsors who have journeyed with our Candidates to this celebration. Their guidance, companionship and commitment to the Candidates on their faith journey is a tremendous Christian witness.

We wish to thank our Deacons for their ministerial leadership with this celebration. We also thank Mrs. Kathy Duplessis and our Parish Music Ministry for leading us in this beautiful celebration. We are grateful to our Altar Servers for their service at the table of our Lord.

We are grateful for the gift that Fr. Phil Spano is to our parish. We trust that the Spirit will continue to use his gifts to call our parish to growth, and to guide each of us in our ministries, so that we all become sacramental people in our parish and in the world.

Jesus implores us to feed the hungry, and both our MBS Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus assist us each year in our Confirmation process. Also, thank you to the Knights, for the monthly meals for our PSR High School classes.

Finally, we are grateful to the Candidates for sharing their lives and faith with us as we live out our adult responsibilities to build God's kingdom. We are blessed by all the gifts God has given us!

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

M.B.S. To Participate with CRS Rice Bowl

What is CRS Rice Bowl?

For more than 40 years, CRS Rice Bowl has been Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need around the world, reflect on our own lives and faith, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform the lives of the poor.

This Lent, Most Blessed Sacrament will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. May we, the global Church, continue our prayerful walk and come together as a family reflecting on how we can live this call to mercy more abundantly.

We will have the Rice Bowls/Lenten Calendars available on the tables at the exits of church.

Use your cardboard CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As a family, read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and motivate your Lenten giving. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

Confessions in the Area during Lent

The priests of our area parishes assist one another to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance/Confession more accessible during "The Light Is On For You" diocesan program. Please see places, dates, and times below where several priests will be available for confession:

- **St. Patrick Catholic Church (12424 Brogdon Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70816) from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
The dates are Wednesdays - February 21st, March 7th, March 14th, and March 21st.

Check also: St. Jean Vianney Confession times from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. On Tuesday, March 20th, St Jean Vianney will host a Communal Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy also has services.

You may also attend confession at MBS church before the Saturday vigil mass from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. or call the church office for an appointment.

M.B.S Will Celebrate Scout Sunday - February 25, 2018, 9:45 a.m. Mass

Scouting is an important Youth Ministry at Most Blessed Sacrament! **Hundreds of youth participate in the programs offered by the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts.** Scouting is an effective way to help Catholic youth to do their duty to God and to their country. Scouting also builds character while teaching religious devotion in a wholesome and fun environment, which in most cases is the great outdoors!

M.B.S. will celebrate Scout Sunday at the 9:45 a.m. Mass on February 25th. We invite all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Daisies, Brownies, and all other Girls Scouts to wear their uniform and sit in the reserved seating in order to be recognized as a group. Leaders are requested to be in Field Uniform. Scouts will proceed up the aisle at the beginning of Mass with the Celebrant.

For more information on Scouting at MBS:

Cub Scouts (Pack 777) - www.batonrouge.mypack.us ; Boy Scouts (Troop 888) - www.troop888.net;

Catholic Committee on Scouting - www.nccs-bsa.org ; Girl Scouts - www.GSLE.org

Mass Time - February 17-18, 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. Blanchard ?	Fr. Blanchard

February 17-18, 2018 1st Sunday in Lent

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	H Barnett, HG Vautrot, C Adolph	M Gaudet, D Mathies	M Weger, J Didier, B Conner, P Adolph, J Sutherland, G Ward, Deacon Don, E Wright
8:00 am	C Millet, A Person, B Ryan	K Hollier, J Oubre	W Rabalais, C Rabalais, M Robichaux, L Bayhi, M Authement, E Barber, Deacon Mark, A Blount
9:45 am	B Fox, B Fox, K Fox	R Primeaux, A Welch	C LeBlanc, M Messina, P Mistretta, V Primeaux, T Fox, M Evans, L Evans, M Bernard
11:30 am	JP Manasseh, T Oudit, L Leger	B Ragusa, C Ryan	C Garbutt, D Passman, T Passman, V Webre, A Kelley, T Kelley, L Landry, S Pecue

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