

# Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalm** — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).



### 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.

## THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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### 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: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Collections — February 10-11, 2018**

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Identified Contributions   | \$23,538.00        |
| Unidentified Contributions | \$ 2,095.00        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$25,633.00</b> |

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

|          |          |   |
|----------|----------|---|
| Sat. 24  | 4:30 pm  | Bonnie Trude<br>J.L. Tucker, Sr. & Family<br>Theophile Perrault<br>John Bourque<br>Gloria Salcedo<br>Peter & Verdi Couvillion<br>Audrey Banquer |
| Sun. 25  | 8:00 am  | Daisy C. Allen  |
|          | 9:45 am  | For The People  |
|          | 11:30 am | Irene Berthelot<br>Linda White  |
| Mon. 26  | 8:45 am  | Communion Service   |
| Tue. 27  | 8:45 am  |   |
| Wed. 28  | 8:45 am  |   |
| Thurs. 1 | 8:15 am  | Lydia Broussard   |
| Fri. 2   | 8:45 am  | Jacquín & Brun Families   |

**PARISH LIFE**

Please pray for the souls of:

*Clovis LeBlanc, Sr.  
 Dean McKee  
 Gavin Coldwell*

Let us remember their families and loved ones in our prayers.

**Friday Night Lenten Dinners**

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 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 23rd is Shrimp Stew.**

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

**Adult Confirmation For Practicing Catholics**

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish will prepare adults who, for whatever reason, were not Confirmed as young adults. This Confirmation preparation process is for **MBS Parishioners** who are **practicing Catholics**, who are **attending Mass and participating in the Sacramental life of the Church and who are in good standing with the Church (no canonical impediments)**. This multi-week process will prepare the Candidates for the Diocesan celebration of **Confirmation** with Bishop Muench on **Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 12 Noon at St. Joseph's Cathedral**. If you are interested in this faith-filled experience, please call David at (225) 751-5867 or email [dplanche@mbsparish.org](mailto:dplanche@mbsparish.org).

There will be an **Inquiry Session** for Adult Confirmation on **Monday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library** located on the M.B.S. School Campus. Potential candidates are **REQUIRED** to present a **copy of their Baptismal Certificate** at the **Inquiry Session**. Additionally, candidates will also need a Sponsor to accompany them for one session and for the Celebration on Pentecost Sunday. Mr. Planche will discuss Sponsor requirements with the potential candidates. *The preparation sessions will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library on Monday evenings: March 26th, April 16th, April 30th, and May 14th.*

**Morning of Prayer at M.B.S.  
 March 3, 2018**

The Marian Servants are hosting a Morning of Prayer for the community (men and women) at Most Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Morning of Prayer will begin at 8 a.m. with First Saturday Devotion in the church. The program will then move into a Lenten mini-retreat to cover components of Ignatian prayer on Scripture with the theme "Into the Desert with Jesus". All are welcome and although there is no charge for the program, registration is requested so we can prepare enough materials. To register, send email with your name and contact information to [ms@marianservants.com](mailto:ms@marianservants.com). Please bring a bible and journal. Light refreshments will be furnished by Catholic Daughters of Divine Mercy.

# PARISH LIFE

## 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 - 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.



### Matt Moscona - 2018

#### Distinguished Graduate of M.B.S.

Matt Moscona was chosen as this year's Most Blessed Sacrament School Distinguished Graduate. He is a graduate of M.B.S. school in 1996 and of Catholic High School in 2000. Matt is the award-winning host of "After Further Review

with Matt Moscona" on 104.5 ESPN radio Baton Rouge. The show is now syndicated on 100.3 ESPN New Orleans and televised on Cox Sports Television. Mr. Moscona was born in New Orleans and raised in Baton Rouge, attended and graduated from Louisiana State University and has worked in the Baton Rouge market for 14 years. He has been named to Radio Ink magazine's list of Top 30 Local Sports Talkers in America four times and was the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters Prestige Award Winner for Best Sports Show in Louisiana in 2016. Matt was also named Catholic High's Distinguished Graduate in 2016 and until recently was the voice of Catholic High School Football on Friday nights. He is gracious with giving his time and talent to several worthwhile causes throughout the Baton Rouge area, including the Wounded Warriors Project and the awareness of the prevention of heart disease. Matt and his wife, Erika, have one son named Drew.

### Gentle Hands Ministry Retreat

Gentle Hands is a ministry of St. Aloysius Parish that supports those who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, or the loss of a child. All are invited to a half-day retreat for those who have experienced this type of loss. The retreat is Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in the Gonzaga Hall. Join us for guest speakers and fellowship. A light breakfast will be served.

This is a free retreat and open to all denominations and faiths. Couples are encouraged to attend together.

To register via email, please contact:  
4Gentlehands@gmail.com

*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you  
- Jeremiah 1:5*



*Please Note... the scheduled priests listed below are subject to change for the weekend given.*

|                                  |           |           |               |               |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Mass Time - February 24-25, 2018 | 4:30 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. | 9:45 a.m.     | 11:30 a.m.    |
| Celebrant                        | Fr. Phil  | Fr. Phil  | Fr. Blanchard | Fr. Blanchard |

### February 24-25, 2018 2nd Sunday in Lent

|          | Servers                               | Lectors               | Extraordinary Ministers  |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 4:30 pm  | A Southard, C Ransome, C Ransome      | A Ransome, L Tabary   | B Landry, G Landry, B Magill, E Yurik, C Edelen, C Rabalais, Deacon Mark, C Canale     |
| 8:00 am  | E McClinton, G McClinton, J Marxsen   | M Gallo, K Gora       | J Lahners, CL Mendoza, S Peters, T Peters, B Braud, M Braud, D Broussard, J Catanzaro  |
| 9:45 am  | G Distefano, M Gary, A Distefano, Jr. | P Rushing, N Zeringue | M Hiller, K Johnson, J LaBar, B LaSalle, M Delafield, W Golden, Deacon Mark, C Heath   |
| 11:30 am | K Wilkerson, C Pousson, A Pousson     | H Powell, J Mancuso   | J Johnson, S Keagle, M Leger, T Powell, A Arledge, MK Aucoin, Deacon Mark, L Pierrotti |

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