

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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3rd Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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 6:30 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.

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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and Ministry
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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: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Collections — February 17-18, 2018

Identified Contributions	\$27,591.00
February 15th Bank Drafts	\$ 5,047.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$ 2,562.00
Total	\$35,200.00

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. 3	4:30 pm	John Edward Guidry Don Clement Mr/Mrs Wallace Giroir Leander Melancon, Sr. Donald Vidrine Jarrod Kimble Vita & Gene Taylor Gloria Salcedo
Sun. 4	8:00 am	Culross, Lubrano, and Rodgers Families Gary Simms, Sr. Daisy Allen Jeanette Mire Helen McGowan Sam Pruet
	9:45 am	Henry Tulusso Henry Prochaska Mr/Mrs Harry Stein, Jr. Kathryn Menard
	11:30 am	For The People
Mon. 5	8:45 am	Communion Service
Tue. 6	8:45 am	
Wed. 7	8:45 am	
Thurs. 8	8:15 am	
Fri. 9	8:45 am	

Grounds Crew-All Hands Needed

Come help the MBS Grounds Crew tidy up our school grounds. The All Hands Clean Up days this Spring will be Saturday, March 3rd and March 10th. Bring your yard gloves and meet in the parking lot behind St. Ursula Hall. We need hands to mow, edge, weed, rake, and pick up fallen branches. Everyone is welcome!! MBS families receive triple time and talent hours for helping with this ministry. Please meet at 7 a.m. in the rear parking lot of St. Ursula Hall.

Contact Travis Fox at tfox@fox-nesbit.com

PARISH LIFE**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.

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.*

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: 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, March 2nd is Shrimp & Corn Soup.

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

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.

PARISH EVENTS

The MBS Early Learning Center still has limited openings in all classes. Interested parents should contact the school at (225) 752-8829.



Most Blessed Sacrament Early Learning Center

- Academically enriched half-day program with emphasis on social development, motor skills, and focal attention
- Music and Art Enrichment incorporated into curriculum
- Enrolling 2 Years to Pre-K
- Small class size
- Serving the Baton Rouge community over 30 years

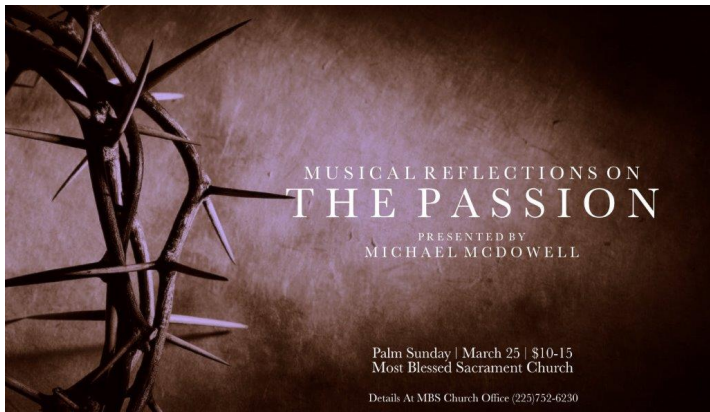


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Registration begins January 2018

MBS Catholic Daughters

Court Divine Mercy (MBS's Catholic Daughters) will meet on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in the St. John Room at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are invited. Court Divine Mercy is a group of Catholic women who are dedicated to a unified faith in Christ as demonstrated through charitable good works to the community and the church.



Performing in concert at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Michael McDowell brings his signature musical interpretation to a new subject: the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus. Coupled with a specially written narration, along with a radiantly lit sanctuary, McDowell will improvise as the audience reflects on this powerful, historically based account of the events leading up to the first Easter Sunday. Interpreting these pillars in the story of Salvation from the piano, Michael will offer a new way to experience the beginning of Holy Week in a compelling musical performance.

All are invited to join us on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. for music and reflection on The Passion. Tickets are \$10 and \$15. To get tickets, go to www.brownpapertickets.com. Click on "Find an event" and scroll down to Musical Reflections on The Passion by Michael McDowell. You will also be able to purchase tickets through the church office by calling (225) 752-6230. Proceeds will go toward the new OLOL Children's Hospital in Baton Rouge.

Lenten Scouting Activity

Help your scouting family prepare for Lent. **The Catholic Committee On Scouting** is hosting a Bible Patch Program for all scouts & their families. This is an opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about the stories found in the Bible. This patch focuses on Birds of the Air. Presentation will include three stories: How God provided for Elijah in 1 Kings, putting your trust in the Lord in Isaiah, and finally there is no need to worry if we trust in God from the book of Matthew. Event will include presentation and group activity. All scouts will earn a patch. The program will be at Our Lady of Mercy from 1:30-3:30 on Sunday, March 4. Registration forms are on the website, info.ccosbr.net. Cost is \$5.00. Any questions, call Kathy Gora, 225-266-9001.

Mass Time - March 3-4, 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

March 3-4, 2018 3rd Sunday in Lent

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	R Wilkerson, A Southard, H Barnett	D Mathies, L Tabary	C Chiasson, V Chiasson, J Culivan, J Didier, R Brouillette, S Brouillette, Deacon Don, M Young
8:00 am	E Lacombe, M Gauthier, M Laudun	T Cormier, A Crain	S Gauthier, J Labbè, S Labbè, S Vermaelen, K Hollier, J Labbè, Deacon Don, S Labbè
9:45 am	L Averett, H Carmouche, A Esposito	D Ourso, D Davis	J Gutierrez, B Haydel, H Haydel, C Heath, K Talbot, S Wilson, W Golden, T Hollis
11:30 am	HG Vautrot, C Gauthier, L Leger	T Littlefield, S Long	K Browning, A Byrne, D Gremillion, S Gremillion, A Kelley, T Kelley, L Landry, J Ruh

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