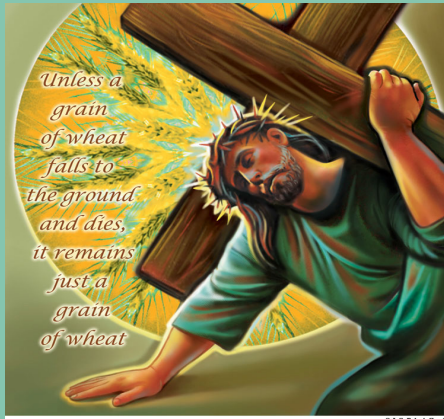


Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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5th Sunday of Lent

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 25 - April 1, 2018

Palm Sunday: March 25 Regular weekend Mass schedule
 Monday: March 26 8:45 a.m. Communion Service
 Tuesday: March 27 8:45 a.m. Mass
 Wednesday: March 28 8:45 a.m. Mass (Confessions: Refer to "Light is On For You" in bulletin)
 Holy Thurs: March 29 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (includes the Washing of the Feet Ceremony) followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m.
 Good Friday: March 30 12:00 Noon- celebration of the Lord's Passion (Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion). This is the primary Good Friday Service, thus there will not be a regular Stations of the Cross devotion.
 Holy Saturday: March 31 Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.
 No 4:30 p.m. Saturday vigil Mass or confession.
 Easter Sunday: April 1 8:00, 9:45, & 11:30 a.m. Masses.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.
Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.
Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.
Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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
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and Ministry
Youth Director.....West Giffin

Director-Christian Form......David Planché
 Christian Formation phone...(225) 751-5867
Secretary-Christian Form....Theresa LeBoeuf
Child Protection Office.....(225) 753-5526

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.

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

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.

This Week's Events. . .

Saturday, March 17, 2018

8:00 am Lent Prayer Service

Sunday, March 18, 2018

9:30 am RCIA Class St. John Room

9:30 am RCIC Class St. Luke Room

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:30 pm Bible Study St. John Room

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

9:30 am Bible Study St. John Room

6:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 pm Parish Adoration Church

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

12:00 pm Good Timers St. John Room

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice Church

7:00 pm K.C.'s Mtg. St. John Room

Thursday, March 22, 2018

6:30 pm Walking With Purpose St. John Room

7:00 pm Scripture & Spirituality St. Mark Room

Friday, March 23, 2018

6:00 pm Lenten Fish Fry Bishop Ott Center

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross Church

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. March 17	4:30 pm	Michael & Cody Holmes Carl Dietrich Mike Lloyd Grace Gary Louis Fox Gloria Salcedo Corine & Clovis LeBlanc Walter Hebbler Billy Heroman
Sun. March 18	8:00 am	Chloe Arceneaux Manette Waguespack Helen McGowen
	9:45 am	For The People
	11:30 am	Jeremi Gary Nell Landy Ethel Duffy Irene Berthelot Linda White Cora DeMarco Sanfilippo
Mon. March 19	8:45 am	Communion Service
Tues. March 20	8:45 am	Beatrice Frederick Fr. Joseph Mau Nguyen
Wed. March 21	8:45 am	
Thurs. March 22	8:15 am	
Fri. March 23	8:45 am	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING - March 3-4, 2018

Identified Contributors	\$29,913.93
March 1st Bank Drafts	\$21,485.00
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 1,893.00</u>
Total	\$53,291.93
 March Bldg. & Devel. Fund	 \$4,536.50

Masses - March 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. Blanchard	Fr. Blanchard

March 17-18, 2018 5th Sunday in Lent

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	M Gary, A Torregrossa, J Torregrossa	A Torregrossa, L Tabary	B Willis, C Willis, M Young, E Yurik, C Chiasson, V Chiasson, Deacon Don, R Rinaudo
8:00 am	K Huynh, P Hines,	R Arceneaux, G Aubert	K Bourgeois, B Braud, R Braud, D Broussard, W Rabalais, C Rabalais, Deacon Mark, J Dietrick
9:45 am	J Cascio, JC Cascio, P Dawson	R Primeaux, W Gauthier	E Davis, D Davis, D Decell, K Decell, C LeBlanc, M Messina, P Mistretta, V Primeaux
11:30 am	M Gordon, H Barnett, JP Bourgeois	T Hollis, K Joubert	D Passman, T Passman, L Pierrotti, J Ruh, K Browning, A Byrne, D Gremillion, S Gremillion

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Parish Adoration Night
Tuesday, March 20th
M.B.S. Church
immediately following the
Divine Mercy Chaplet
which begins at **6:30 p.m.**

Praise and Worship music will be provided by our MBS house band. Adoration will begin after the Divine Mercy Chaplet at approximately 7 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.

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.

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.

High School Retreat– Sunday, March 25th **“Take Up Your Cross”**

High School young people: the MBS PEER TEAM is offering a wonderful Lenten Retreat **for ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** to help us enter into a deeply spiritual Holy Week. The Retreat is on **Sunday, March 25, 2018 and will be in St. Ursula Hall beginning at 12:30 pm for check-in.**

The retreat theme is "**Take Up Your Cross**" and is based on the Scripture **Luke 9:23**. Our reflections and activities will be based on that Scripture and will be given by Peer Team members.

Participants may begin arriving at the **FRONT GATES of the school campus at 12:30 p.m.** Please **check in at St. Ursula Hall** to get your nametags. We will begin with **Raising Cane's lunch at 12:45 p.m.** in the Cafeteria. In addition, the retreat serves as the **FINAL CLASS for Grades 9-10 PSR for the year. Roll will be called at 12:30 p.m. in St. Ursula Hall. Remember, friends are also welcome for this Retreat!**

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. on Wednesday - March 21st.**
- 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.

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Attention Good Timers!

Don't let St. Patrick's Day pass you by without some celebrating! Wear your favorite green and join us for food, fun, and fellowship on Wednesday, March 21st at 12:00 noon in the St. John Room. Bring your favorite dessert to share. Please RSVP to Ethel Pruet (225) 753-0974 or the parish office (225) 752-6230.

Living Stations of the Cross

Most Blessed Sacrament School 8th graders will prayerfully perform a living Stations of the Cross for our parish family at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12th**. This event will be held in the St. Ursula Hall on the school campus. We will have repeat performances on Thursday, April 13th at 9 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. This lovely tableau is done in period costumes of the time of Jesus and is a powerful devotion for our families to witness. Everyone is welcome to join us and bring your children to pray the stations of the cross with our 8th grade students.

Friday Night Lenten Dinners

MBS has had a long tradition of offering Lenten meals on these Fridays which are prepared and hosted by our MBS Men's Club. The proceeds from the dinners are given back to the MBS Parish Social Responsibility Fund in its outreach to the poor. We will be serving dinners for the remaining Fridays of Lent: 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 16th is Crawfish Etouffee.

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

MBS Parish Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 25, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.
Church/Administration Bldg. Grounds



For Babies
through
3rd grade
children

Sunday, March 25th

M.B.S. Blood Drive after all Masses

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please walk in and register on the bus parked outside of the church.



MUSICAL REFLECTION ON THE PASSION
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. 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.

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