

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2009

SCHEDULE FOR : March 1, 2009—March 7th, 2009

Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	Confirmation Class Vermilion Catholic Auditorium	6:45 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Mass	12:05 p.m.
Tuesday	Children's Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Men of Mary Group Attend Mass/Recite Rosary In Church	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Adult Choir Rehearsal Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Mass	12:05 p.m.
Thursday	Lay Carmelite Meeting Ministries Building	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	Blessed Sacrament Exposed in Chapel for 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel	After 6:30a.m Mass
Friday	First Friday Mass In Church Benediction following	6:30 a.m.
Friday	Way of the Cross	5:30 p.m.
Saturday	CCD First Communion Class Ministries Building	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	Children's Holy Hour In Chapel	9:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of March 2nd—March 8th, 2009

MONDAY: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
6:30 A.M. Cleo Claudia Songy deGraauw

TUESDAY: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15 St. Katharine Drexel
6:30 A.M. Ruby C. LaCour

12:05 P.M. M/M Rene LeBlanc, Sr. & Fly.

WEDNESDAY: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32 St. Casimir
6:30 A.M. M/M Nedier Richard; Stephen H. Broussard;
Freddie Ann Bossley; M/M Fernand Montagne; George Veazey
Fly.; Frances H. Richard Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; Cleo
deGraauw; M/M Luke Langlais; Peter Nguyen; For those
souls that are forsaken; Johnnie Broussard Fly.; Inez D. Meaux;
Maude Villien

THURSDAY: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
6:30 A.M. Rev. Paul M. Fusillier

12:05 P.M. Rev. Julian R. Bollard

FRIDAY: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
6:30 A.M. M/M Ivy Matthews

SATURDAY: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
6:30 A.M. Nellie Touchet; Eddie Desormeaux

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

4:00 P.M. M/M Noah Simon Fly.; Rufus J. Simon; Joy P. Awwad;
M/M Alfred Vincent Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M John
Vigneaux; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; Warren E. Broussard;
Mattie Primeaux; Freddie Ann Bossley; M/M John Nugier;
Eleanor Bares & Fly.; M/M Fernand Montagne; George Veazey
Fly.; Giuse Ba Nguyen Bui; Quet Nguyen; Elvina Bourque & Fly.;
Cleo deGraauw; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Josephine Guarino;
Mrs. Enid Guarino; Margaret M. Trahan; Roger Sellers; Joseph
Long Bui; Maria Vui Do; Lori Ellen Belaire Booth; Olite B.
Trahan; Maude Villien; Ella Mae Becker; Leonard Sellers & Son;
Antonia "Anne" C. Sonnier; Sandra Meche & Son; Gerald C.
Harrington; Inez Faulk; Francis LeBlanc; Personal Intention; For
all my departed ancestors; Frances H. Richard Fly.

6:00 P.M. Giac Tran

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

7:00 A.M. James "Bubba" Frederick

9:30 A.M. Kevin Neil Comeaux

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Jeanette M. Motty



**DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME**

**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FOR-
WARD**

NEXT SUNDAY ~ MARCH 8TH

Turn clocks ahead one hour Saturday
night, wake up to correct time Sunday

**BULLETIN ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
RONALD W. MELEBECK, ATTORNEY**

Spiritual Life and Worship

Please Pray for

Mrs. Erita Badeaux Romero and
Mr. Harold Albert "Jim" Bouse, Jr.
who died recently.

Banns

Allie Patrice Bellaire and Bradley Alan Fleckner
Bethany Kay Langlais and Everett Allen Harris

FIRST FRIDAY OF MARCH OCCURS THIS WEEK

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 AM

**BLESSED SACRAMENT TO BE EXPOSED IN THE CHAPEL
THIS THURSDAY MORNING AFTER 6:30 AM MASS, UNTIL
FRIDAY FOLLOWING 6:30 AM MASS**

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

General: That the role of women may be more appreciated and used to good advantage in every country in the world.

Mission: That in the light of the letter addressed to them by Pope Benedict XVI, the Bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and lay faithful of the Catholic Church in the Popular Republic of China may commit themselves to being the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.

Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference

The 2009 Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the **Cajundome Convention Center on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The conference will inspire, convert, and encourage men. It will reach you where you are in your life today, while also serving as a compass for the future. The 2009 Men's Conference will offer inspirational spiritual direction featuring LSU legend Dale Brown who will present the keynote address, Catholic evangelist/apologist Jesse Romero, radio talk show personality and noted family expert Dr. Ray Guarendi and local favorite Fr. Bryce Sibley. You'll leave a better husband, a better father, and a better man. Registration information can be found at www.mantomancc.com. We also have brochures with detailed information and CD's available in the vestibule of church about the conference.

MERCY FEST 2009

All Catholics in the surrounding areas are invited to attend "Mercy Fest 2009", an all day festival celebrating the Catholic faith and the mercy of Christ. **This year's festival will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2009 at St. Theresa's Holy Family Center in Abbeville.** Events will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with 3:00 p.m. recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and 4:00 p.m. Mass. Other offerings include children's and youth ministry, music, games, food for the whole family, a presentation by Deacon Cody Miller of Milton, opportunities for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Volunteers are needed to help with both the planning phase and on the day of the event. Local business sponsorships are also needed. If you would like to help in any of the areas, please call Greg Mitchell at 337-643-2827 or e-mail fourwindsmarine@cox.net

2009 ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH LENTEN SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday at 6:30 a.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays: additional Mass at 12:05 p.m.

*NOTE: Mass on Mondays & Wednesdays
at 12:10 p.m. at St. Theresa*

Way of the Cross: Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.
Abstinence observed

Confessions: Saturdays: 2:30 -3:30 p.m.
Sundays: 4:45 – 5:15 p.m.
and before all weekday Masses
or by appointment

Lenten Penance Service:

March 26th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen.

Several priests will be available for confession.

Last opportunity for Confession- 6:00 a.m. Wednesday of Holy Week

Tenebrae: Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.

*A program of prayer, chant and choral music
Featuring the adult and children's choirs*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Confessions: before weekday Masses (Mon.-Wed.)

Masses: Monday & Wednesday 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m.

Sacred Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Adoration until 11:00 p.m.)

Good Friday: 3:00 p.m. – Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. (fulfills Sunday obligation)

Easter Sunday: 7:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.

*Children's Choir will sing at 11:00 a.m. Mass
(Note: 5:30 p.m. Mass will not be held)*

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2009

Lent, the penitential season of the Church year, begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. All who are 14 yrs. or older are bound to abstain totally from meat. Lent is also a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized.

ST. ANNE'S LENTEN MISSION

Fr. Sonny Brown will present a Lenten Mission at St. Anne's Church in Cow Island, 17315 Lionel Road, on Monday, March 9th and Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. The focus of this mission will be a reflection of redemptive suffering. Call St. Anne's for more information at 643-7714

Community Life and Outreach



MARVELOUS MYSTERY

The Mass Comes Alive
100% Catholic Bible Camp

Vacation Bible Camp Update:

We have received some volunteers but 12-15 more are urgently needed so that we can accommodate 100 children in the program. If we do not get the number of volunteers needed we will be forced to limit the number of children to an even smaller amount or possibly cancel the program. Please consider helping for the week of June 15th – June 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Kessie Thomas if interested in helping at 892-7044 or e-mail cajunpower-family@yahoo.com

If you are unable to give your time there are other gifts you may be able to offer to the program. You may be able to be part of the planning phase which is going on now, monetary donations or providing snacks are just a few examples of the gifts and talents needed for the success of the program. To give monetary donations or to help with snacks, contact Jenni Boudreaux for more information at 893-5962.

We are excited to present a new 100% Catholic Bible Camp program this year that will help children better understand the Catholic Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist. The dates will be June 15th – June 19th; decorating day will be June 14th. The program will end with the celebration of Mass on Friday at Noon.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

701 Chevis Street Abbeville
893-9756

The Christian Service Center announces it will focus its services to assist those in need in three areas-distribution of food, an education training partnership and assistance with medicine, rent and utilities.

In order to better focus the efforts of three ministries, the Christian Service Center will close its thrift store operation as of March, 2009. Effective immediately, the Center will no longer accept donations of clothing and used furniture and appliances. Currently the Center is liquidating its inventory in the thrift store.

"The hope I have seen on the face of our brothers and sisters when we meet their needs through the Christian Service Center reveals Christ present in them. When we serve others in this way we truly serve Christ." Greg Mitchell, Director

Thrift Store Liquidation Sale

All You Can Fit In A
Plastic Bag For \$2.00
All Household Items 1/2 OFF

LAY CARMELITE MEETING

There will be a Lay Carmelite Meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 4:00 p.m. in the Ministries Building. Fr. Blanda will be the speaker.

SHOOT WITH A MISSION

The 4th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser for Family Missions Company will be held on **Saturday, March 28th, 2009**, at GOL Shooting Club. Registration: 8 a.m. 2-man flurry: \$20/team/shoot. 4-person team: \$400. Call 893-0268 or 837-3374 or go to www.fmmissions.com for more information.

MT. CARMEL ELEMENTARY PRE-SCHOOL

Applications are now being taken for the
2009-2010 School Year
(Available positions at this time)
405 Park Avenue

Abbeville, LA 70510 (337)-898-0859
Mt. Carmel does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, or national origin.

WHAT IS FOCA?

The Freedom of Choice Act is legislation that will drastically change restrictions on abortion and establish a "right" to abortion. This proposed law will have far reaching effects on the fundamental right to life.

- ◆ Provide fundamental right to abortion—no restrictions, including late term.
- ◆ Catholic hospitals forced to perform abortions or risk being shut down.
- ◆ All parental notification nullified; minors allowed abortion on demand.
- ◆ Ban on Partial Birth Abortion reversed.
- ◆ Taxpayers required to pay for abortions with their tax dollars under Medicaid programs; Hyde Amendment reversed.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- ★ Pre-addressed postcards to our Senators and Representative were mailed to all registered parishioners at St. Mary Magdalen. Please sign the cards and mail them in.
- ★ Write, call or e-mail your Congressman. Tell them to oppose FOCA. Call U.S. Capital switchboard: 202-224-3121 ask for the offices of your Representative and two Senators and call The White House: 202-456-1111.
- ★ Send an E-mail: visit the special e-mail action page at: www.nchla.org

ENGAGED COUPLES— Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a *Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend* in preparation for your marriage. Upcoming weekend dates are March 6-8, April 24-26, May 29-31. For other dates and to learn more visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or call Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto at 337-984-7954.

Christian Formation

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM 2009

CCD preparation class for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion program 2009 are held twice a month from 8:00–9:00 a.m. in the Ministries Building.

MARCH CLASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 7th, 2009
Saturday, March 14th, 2009

Practice for All Communicants:

Saturday, March 28th at 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of First Communion:

Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary Magdalen Church

2008-2009 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Instructional classes for the 2008-2009 Confirmation Program are underway.

MARCH CLASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 1st 6:45 p.m.— 8:30 p.m. VCHS
Sunday, March 15th 5:30 p.m. Mass STMM

***Please Note:** The Confirmation class scheduled for March 15th will take place at St. Mary Magdalen Church beginning with the 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by a Holy Hour. Parents and sponsors are urged to attend with the Candidates.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Practice: Sunday, March 29th
Sacrament of Confirmation: Tues., March 31st 6:30 p.m.

"The Interior Fire of Mother Teresa"

"The entire world associates Mother Teresa with the work for the poorest of the poor. But few outside of her own Community have any deeper understanding of her real message, of the hidden fire which the Lord placed within her, and the grace that moved her to begin her world-wide work of love and compassion." Missionary of Charity Fathers

St. Mary Magdalen Church will host a presentation by Father Michael Champagne entitled "The Interior Fire Of Mother Teresa" on **Wednesday, March 18th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Vermilion Catholic Auditorium.**

Father Champagne is a recognized scholar on the life and spirituality of Mother Teresa. The presentation will give a brief background of Mother Teresa's call to religious life as a Sister of Loreto and then what caused the direction of her life to change in 1946 and be moved to leave that congregation and begin working with the poorest of the poor. Also, how her encounter with Jesus' thirst on the cross caused this change and continued to be the driving force of her life of service.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call the parish office of St. Mary Magdalen Church at 893-0244. The forty five minute presentation will also include time for questions and answers.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN BAPTISM PROCEDURES

Parents preparing for the Baptism of a child must attend one of our Baptism seminars and complete the necessary paperwork before the Baptism can be scheduled. Parents are encouraged to attend the seminar while they are expecting the child, but you may attend after the child is born as well. Godparents are also welcome to attend our Baptism seminars but are not required to attend.

BAPTISM SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Baptism seminars will be held on the *second* Monday of each month. The next Baptism Seminar will be held **Monday, March 9th**. All seminars are at 6:30 p.m. in the Ministries Building.

REGISTER FOR THE SEMINAR—

Call the parish office and give names of parents, phone number, and date you will be attending.

BRING TO THE SEMINAR—

~ If the baby has been born, bring the birth certificate or, if not available, the footprints certificate, which lists the baby's name, parents' names, and date of birth.

~ If the baby has not been born, parents may drop off the certificate after the child's birth.

SPONSORS' (GODPARENTS) PAPERWORK—

At the seminar, parents will receive paperwork and instructions for the sponsors to fill out and have signed by the pastor of the church to which they belong. Sponsors must meet the criteria specified on the sponsor form.

Sponsor Criteria:

- At least 16 years of age.
- Must have received sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Living a good moral life worthy of imitation.
- Actively practicing Catholic who attends Mass weekly.
- Canonically free to carry out this office. Excludes living in an invalid marriage or cohabitating.

Christian Witness Criteria:

- A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.
 - Christian Witness is not intended to allow for the following: a baptized Catholic who is not living out his or her Catholic faith; a baptized Catholic under the age of 16 years; or a baptized Catholic who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation.
 - A Christian Witness is allowed only in conjunction with a qualified Catholic sponsor and must be the opposite sex of the qualified sponsor.

Sponsor forms may also be picked up in the parish office prior to attendance at the seminar.

SCHEDULING THE BAPTISM

The Baptism may be scheduled after attending the seminar and all proper paperwork is completed and turned in to the parish office.

Total Stewardship and Development

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd COLLECTION

Loose	\$ 4,645.91
Envelopes.....	\$ 6,064.00
Total:	\$ 10,709.91

No Second Collection

Thank You.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. We join in the traditional practices of Lent and pray as a community, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, and give concrete assistance to those in most need. The *Rice Bowl* and *Home Calendar Guides* are available in the parish office.

Saint Katharine Drexel

Born: Nov. 26, 1858

Died: March 3, 1955

Canonized: Oct. 1, 2000

Foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who dedicated her life to the education and care of Native American and African American peoples. By 1942 Mother Drexel had in place a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, 40 mission centers, 23 rural schools, 50 Indian missions and Xavier University in New Orleans (the first United States University for African Americans). Harassed for her work by segregationists.

One of St. Mary Magdalen's future ceiling murals will depict St. Katharine Drexel. She was chosen to represent the members of our African American Catholic community, those of Native American descent and the charitable works of the people of St. Mary Magdalen, particularly through the ministry of the Christian Service Center. Mother Drexel visited Acadiana during her lifetime.

"The patient and humble endurance of the cross, whatever nature it may be, is the highest work we have to do."

Saint Katharine Drexel

Memorial: March 3rd

This Weekend

MONTHLY INSURANCE COLLECTION

Next Weekend

NO SECOND COLLECTION

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2009

"The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and Believe in the Gospel."

Mark 1: 12-15

St. Mark tells us that the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert. But what desert? It could have been the Negev Desert south of Jerusalem or the desert south of Jerusalem or the desert east of the Dead Sea (in modern day Jordan). In either desert, food and water would have been scarce and there was the constant danger of wild animals, poisonous snakes and creepy, crawly critters. In the desert Jesus had the joy of solitude to be alone with God. We live in a culture that does not value silence and solitude to listen for God to speak his will for us. Are we reluctant to be alone with God because we fear what he might ask of us. Lent is a good time to ask God for the gift of solitude and to make time for periods of silence so we can be with our God. We will learn that solitude is a beautiful gift so we can listen to the Giver. When Jesus learned that John the Baptist had been arrested, he understood it was time for him to proclaim the Kingdom of God. If we make time for solitude, God may tell us to proclaim the Kingdom of God. "Be still and know I am your God."

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

Management and Finance

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

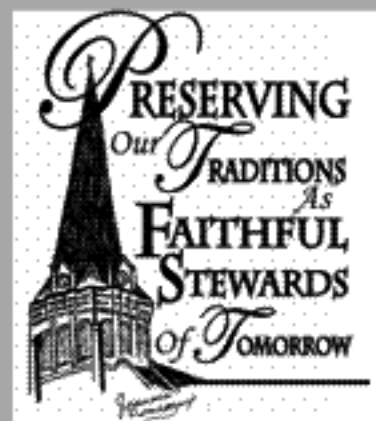
In memory of Ray Picard
By Maudry Picard

In memory of Harold Bouse
By William and Hazel Dawkins

In memory of Cleo deGrauw
By Georgiana Stauffer
By Lloyd, Susan and Lauren Dore
By Lanelle Carroll

In memory of Joseph Broussard
By Robert LeBlanc
By Charles Weldon III

One way to remember and honor those friends and relatives who have died is through donations to memorial funds.



Capital Campaign

You Are Invited To A Capital Campaign Social!

You are invited to attend a capital campaign social. This reception is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners. You will also find out the details of projects for the repair of the interior of the church, memorial opportunities that are available and to ask any questions you may have. **Call Peggy at the parish office as soon as possible to let her know you would like to attend.** We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Reception Date:

Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m.

PHASE I

TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,825,561.51

COMPLETED CAMPAIGN PROJECTS \$ 1,455,355.04
(Paid in full)

- ~Steeple repairs & roof replacement, restoration of stained glass windows, restoration of slate plaza, waterproofing remainder of exterior of church & chapel.
- ~Resolve foundation issues at ministries building.
- ~Replacement of HVAC System and roof at Vermilion Catholic.
- ~Roof replacement at rectory.

CURRENT REPAIR PROJECTS:

Vermilion Catholic High School

Correct the flooding problems in auditorium and chorus room	\$ 30,850.35
Payment to contractor	\$ 28,150.35
Balance	\$ 2,700.00

OTHER PROJECTS IN PHASE I TO BE STARTED:

Rectory: Repair the balcony structure; cleaning, painting and waterproofing the exterior.

PHASE II

TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,310,997.33

PHASE II PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Repair and return of stained glass windows to sanctuary	\$139,211.00
Payment to contractor	\$ 13,921.00
Balance on Project	\$125,290.00
Replace church roof (excluding steeple)	\$735,650.00
Payment to contractor	\$196,000.00
Balance on Project	\$539,650.00