


# Third Sunday of Lent

# March 7, 2010

## **SCHEDULE FOR : March 7, 2010 – March 13, 2010**

Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 a.m.
Monday	Baptism Seminar Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Parish Office Closed Staff In Service Day	
Tuesday	Mass	12:05 p.m.
Wednesday	Men of Mary Group Attend Mass/Recite Rosary	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Children's Choir Practice Ministries Building	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Adult Choir Practice Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Mass	12:05 p.m.
Thursday	Lenten Penance Service In Church	6:30 p.m.
Friday	Way of the Cross In Church	5:30 p.m.

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, March 16 for a staff in-service. Emergency phone calls will be handled.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD  
NEXT SUNDAY ~ MARCH 14TH**

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

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in memory of  
**Mr. and Mrs. Clomare & Elita Hulin Hebert**

The Blessed Mother Devotional Candle this week burns  
in memory of  
**William Francis Rowe**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

for the Week of March 8th—14th, 2010

**MONDAY: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30 St. John of God**

**6:30 A.M.** Regile Guillory

**TUESDAY: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35 St. Frances of Rome**

**6:30 A.M.** Gloria Hebert

**12:05 P.M.** John Wesley Broussard

**WEDNESDAY: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19**

**6:30 A.M.** Earline Cloestio; Leah Broussard; Those who have no one to pray for them; Those who have passed away; M/M Fernand Montagne; Therese & Luke Langlinais & Fly.; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; Linh hon mo coi; John Vidos; An Nguyen, Jude Choate; Justin Broussard; J.C. Ledet; Joseph L. Broussard; Christopher Michael Hollier; Joy P. Awwad (Ann.); Dôminicô Giac Tran

**THURSDAY: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23**

**6:30 A.M.** Jean Minas Baudoin (Ann.) & Fly.

**12:05 P.M.** Ta Nguyen Fly.

**FRIDAY: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34**

**6:30 A.M.** Lela Marcantel

**SATURDAY: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14**

**6:30 A.M.** Bill Hollingsworth

## **VIGIL OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Jos 5-9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

**4:00 P.M.** Jim Bouse; M/M Murphy Libersat & Fly.; Justin "Jay" Broussard, Jr.; Justin Broussard; Phero Nguyen; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; M/M John Vigneaux; M/M Fernand Montagne; Jeannette M. Motty; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; M/M John Nugier; George Veazey Fly.; Dôminicô Giac Tran; Maria Quet Nguyen; Michael B. Faulk; Those who have no one to pray for them; Those who have passed away; Robie Russo; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Whitney & Rita Bonin; Othon & Alma Trahan; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Mrs. Enid Guarino; Josephine Guarino; Roger Sellers; Ta Nguyen; Peter Thong Minh Tran; John Vidos; Eltes Trahan; Leonard & Wayne Sellers; John Carney; Bill Bonwell; M/M Eddia Hardy & Fly.; Ray Frederick; M/M Stanley Morton; Gerald C. Harrington; Marion Faulk Fly.; Sadie Noel Guidry; Kevin Comeaux; Preston, Sr., Elaine & Scotty Miguez; Raywood "Shorty" Luquette; J.C. Ledet; Ned Theall; Maria Simma; Michael Jackson; Francis & Namase Dubois & Fly.; Thomas & Nella Bodin & Fly.; Gladu & Lilly Connor & Fly.; Jimmy & Vera Chapman, Sr. & Fly.; Zelma & Eunice Massey & Fly.; Laodis & Monique Broussard & Fly.; L.C. & Lizzie Leese & Fly.; Alphaeus & Una Sellers & Fly.; Laurence & Avery Mouton & Fly.; Leewood & Nadine Romero & Fly.; Buddy & Margie Savoy & Fly.; Curley & Vernice Guidry & Fly.; Robert & Anna Belle Brasseaux & Fly.; Stillborn, aborted & murdered children and babies; Souls in purgatory; Savoy Fly.; Sellers Fly.; Broussard Fly.; Mistreated and abused children; Prevention of divorce

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Jos 5-9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32**

**7:00 A.M.** Bernard Scalisi, Sr.

**9:30 A.M.** Lovelace J. Hebert

**11:00 A.M.** For the Parishioners

**5:30 P.M.** Rella Derouen & Fly.

# Spiritual Life and Worship

## Please Pray for

Irene Rita Belaire Broussard  
who died recently.

## Banns

Phillip Daniel Ashley and Kandace Lynn Garrett

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume **Sunday, March 7th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Please remember that children attending Children's Liturgy of the Word must be at least Pre-K age and have not yet made First Communion. We are also looking for new volunteers in order to keep this ministry available to the children. Volunteers are asked to serve on a rotation schedule, usually once a month. Please call Melissa at 893-0391 for more information.

### ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH LENTEN MISSION

The St. Mary Magdalen parish Lenten Mission will be presented by Fr. Jim Brady, Associate Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel in Crowley. The topic of the mission will be **"The Nature of Suffering"** and will be presented within the context of Mass each evening. On Sunday, March 21 Fr. Brady will speak at all Masses to introduce the mission and then the mission will continue for the next two evenings at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join us for this event.

## MASS FOR HEALING

### Father Manny Fernandez

Friday, March 19, 2010  
St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Lydia, LA  
(7809 Weeks Island Road)

The Church doors will open at 4:00 p.m.

Confessions will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Individual blessings will begin following the Mass

*"Without Prayer nothing good is done. God's works are done with our hands joined, and on our knees. Even when we run, we must remain spiritually kneeling before Him."*

Saint Luigi Orione  
Memorial: March 12

## ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

### Weekday Masses ~

Monday- Saturday at 6:30 a.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: additional Mass at 12:05 p.m.

Note: Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. at St. Theresa

### ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ~ DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

### Way of the Cross ~

Every Friday in Lent at 5:30 p.m. in Church

### Confessions ~

Saturdays: 2:30- 3:30 p.m.

Sundays: 4:45- 5:15 p.m.

Before all weekday Masses or by appointment

### Lenten Penance Service ~

Thursday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen

Several priests will be available to hear confessions

### Parish Lenten Mission ~

Lenten Mission will be held on March 21, 22, 23 presented by Fr. Jim Brady.

### Tenebrae ~

Palm Sunday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

A program of prayer, chant and choral music featuring adult and children's choirs

### DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE 2010

"God's Mercy Endures Forever"

#### Guest Speakers

Rev. Hampton Davis, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Marcus Grodi, Dr. Bryan Thatcher, Annie Karto, Rev. Michael Champagne

#### Saturday, April 10, 2010

Doors open at 7:00 a.m.

Cajundome Convention Center

Conference fee- \$25 per person

#### Contact

Mary Bergeron 337-654-8682  
mbergeron@centralregiononline.org

Conference may be used for Catechist Cert. credits/Religion Hours. Call for information regarding catechist credits. In addition to the conference on Saturday there will be a Mass on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 2319 Johnston St., Lafayette.** Celebrant for the Mass will be The Most Reverend Michael Jarrell and guest Homilist will be The Most Reverend Glen Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles. All are invited to attend!

# Community Life and Outreach

## Archbishop Dolan: No honors for pro-abortion Catholic politicians

Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York has told a New York television station that pro-abortion Catholic politicians will not receive honors at events like the Al Smith dinner. "Everybody's welcome," said Archbishop Dolan. "There's a difference between being welcome and providing someone who is dramatically, radically, publicly at odds with the Church on a particularly given issue to have a place of prominence and receive an award".

Commenting on the scandals surrounding New York Governor David Paterson-- a pro-abortion Catholic-- Archbishop Dolan added, "There's something to be said for our American way of doing things, that character, integrity, personality have something to say and that the American people expect their elected officers, and by the way their church leaders, so we are not immune to it either, to be people of integrity, of justice, of fairness and of good character."

[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions- USCCB's Position On Health Care Reform

**Question:** *Are the bishops trying to promote an anti-abortion agenda through health care reform?*

**Answer:** The bishops will continue to fight against the evil of abortion by all means available. But they have not demanded that urgently needed health care reform become a vehicle for advancing the pro-life cause, and they likewise believe it should not be used to advance the cause of abortion. In this sense, the bishops have asked that health care reform be "abortion neutral," this is, that existing laws and policies with regard to abortion and abortion funding be preserved, allowing health care reform to move forward and serve its legitimate goals.

**Question:** *Why are the bishops insistent that healthcare reform be "abortion neutral"?*

**Answer:** Abortion advocacy groups are trying to use health care reform to advance their agenda, by having Congress or a federal official establish abortion as a "basic" or "essential" health benefit, guaranteeing "access" nationwide and requiring Americans to subsidize abortion with their tax dollars or insurance premiums. This would reverse a tradition of federal laws and policies that have barred federal funding and promotion of abortion in all major health programs for over three decades (e.g., the Hyde amendment, 1976), and have respected the right of health care providers to decline involvement in abortion or abortion referrals. This agenda would also endanger or render irrelevant numerous local and state laws regulating abortion. The bishops cannot, in good conscience, let such an important and pressing issue as health care reform be hijacked by the abortion agenda. No health care reform plan should compel anyone to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion. Any such action would be morally wrong and politically unwise.

Check out the healthcare reform button on our website [www.stmarymagdalenparish.org](http://www.stmarymagdalenparish.org) See the USCCB's position on health care reform, facts and statistics, videos, FAQs, and an E-mail Congress Now Button.

## FRIED FISH DINNERS DURING LENT

Vermilion Catholic High School will be selling fried fish dinners on Friday evenings in Lent. The dinners will consist of fried fish, french fries, coleslaw and bread for \$8. The dinners will be available from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and can be picked up at the school during those hours. Tickets will be available for purchase at the school office during the day from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## VC DRAMA CLUB TO HOLD MYSTERY DINNER

The Vermilion Catholic Drama Club presents **Death and Deceit on the Nile** written by Peter De Pietro on Saturday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the VC Gym. The performance will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and the first course will be served shortly after. Please be at the venue for 5:45 p.m. Seating is first come first serve and limited so be sure to purchase tickets ahead of time. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the school Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

## St. Joseph's Supper

A covered dish supper honoring the Feast of St. Joseph will be held Friday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Youth Recreation Center. Please bring a meatless covered dish. All are welcome to attend.

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP JULY 5TH - JULY 9TH

The theme for the week will be **"Cool Kingdom Party- Mary Leads Me Closer To Jesus"**. We need about 50 volunteers to pull this off. We have found all of our core team and now we are looking for crew members. Please pass the word that help is needed, without this help VBC will not be able to accept 100 kids. We need to have all volunteers signed up by no later than April 30th. Please don't delay, call Kessie Thomas (892-7044) or Jenni Boudreaux (893-5962) or email us at [cajunpowerfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:cajunpowerfamily@yahoo.com). Last year was a huge success! Is God calling you to be part of that this year? Pray and ask Him and say "yes" to the call.

## Young Apostles Youth Group Coming Events!

### March Schedule:

**Mar. 7th:** Special guest speaker will give a presentation on the topic of greater devotion to Mary

**Mar. 20th:** Come, Lord Jesus meeting @ 6:45 p.m. in Ministries Building

*\*Times to be announced, check the website or Young Apostles Facebook page for details*

# Christian Formation

## SAVE THE DATES!!!! SUMMER 2010 CCD PROGRAM JULY 12-16 TO JULY 19-23

Please keep this in mind when planning vacations, activities, camps, doctors appointments, etc.

### First Communion Program 2010

Next CCD Preparation Class  
Saturday, March 27th 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.  
Ministries Building

#### Practice for First Communion:

Saturday, April 10th, 2010 8:00 -9:00 a.m. SMM Church

#### Sacrament of First Communion:

Saturday, April 17th, 2010 9:00 a.m. SMM Church

### COME, LORD JESUS! CONFERENCE

The **2010 Come, Lord Jesus! Conference** will be held on Saturday, March 13th beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at 1:00 p.m. at River Oaks Event Center, 800 Hugh Wallis Road. Registration is free, but seating is limited. Forms may be printed from [www.comelordjesus.com](http://www.comelordjesus.com) or by calling the office at 337-233-6277. This year's theme is "**Transformation into Christ: The Image of God**". Speakers are Fr. Conley Bertrand, Fr. Neil McNeill, and Fr. Jason Vidrine. Deadline is at noon March 8, 2010.

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Next Confirmation Preparation Class  
Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.  
VC Auditorium

#### Practice for Confirmation Ceremony

Sunday, April 18th, 2010 6:45 p.m. in St. MM Church

#### Sacrament of Confirmation Ceremony

Sunday, April 25th, 2010 5:30 p.m. in St. MM Church

Notre Dame Seminary M.A. Program in Theological Studies  
Presents Lafayette Satellite Program Information Night  
Monday, March 22, 2010 7:00—9:00 p.m.  
Aquinas Institute, Immaculata Center  
1408 Carmel Avenue, Lafayette

The M.A. Program in Theological Studies is a two-year degree program for laity, deacons and religious offered by Notre Dame Seminary faculty. Low tuition rates (\$1200 per course) are available for all Catholic deacons, religious, lay teachers and lay ministers. All are welcome to come enjoy an exciting presentation and learn about this exciting opportunity for graduate study in Theology!

7:00 p.m. "The Big Bang about Creation: Is Sacred Scripture Anti-Science?" Dr. Chris Baglow

8:00 p.m. "Faith, Freedom and Theology: Introducing the Notre Dame Seminary M.A. Satellite in Lafayette"

For more information contact Mary Langlois at 504-866-7426, ext. 3741.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM 2010 — EXCITING NEWS!

As part of the ongoing mission of the safety of our children the Diocese of Lafayette has approved the use of the **VIRTUS** Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Training. This is only for those volunteers who are in need of **Continuing Education**. Initial Trainings must still be attended in a live session. The **VIRTUS** program brings with it a multitude of advantages, probably the greatest being that now Continuing Education can be done at YOUR convenience.

To access the Protecting God's Children Awareness Training simply go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) click on the "Registration" link highlighted in yellow and select "Begin the registration process". The training module will take approximately one hour and email notification will be sent that you have completed the session.

#### Please remember:

- ◆ All employees and volunteers who have contact with or provide ministry to minors will need their certification for 2010.
- ◆ Continuing Education recertification must be done every **calendar year**. You may either do the online recertification module through VIRTUS or attend a Continuing Education live session in February 2010 to maintain active status with St. Mary Magdalen Parish activity or ministry.

*Our greatest fault is that we wish to serve God in our way, not in His way - according to our will, not according to His will. When He wishes us to be sick, we wish to be well; when He desires us to serve Him by sufferings, we desire to serve Him by works; when He wishes us to exercise charity, we wish to exercise humility; when He seeks from us resignation, we wish for devotion, a spirit of prayer or some other virtue. And this is not because the things we desire may be more pleasing to Him, but because they are more to our taste. This is certainly the greatest obstacle we can raise to our own perfection, for it is beyond doubt that if we were to wish to be Saints according to our own will, we shall never be so at all. To be truly a Saint, it is necessary to be one according to the will of God*

~ SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

# Total Stewardship and Development

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

### **FEBRUARY 28, 2010**

Regular Collection \$ 9,581.93

### **Second Collection:**

Religious Education \$ 1,799.48

*Thank You.*

### This Weekend

INSURANCE COLLECTION

### Next Weekend

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

#### NEWS ABOUT OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We are aware that there are numerous problems with the current envelope sets and there have been problems in the past few months as well. Some people never received their home sets for February/March and sets that were sent to correct this problem did not include 2nd collection envelopes. We have found a new envelope company and new sets will be sent for April/May. Please call the parish office if you have any questions and thank you for your patience as we make the transition to a new company.

*"There are many ways of serving God in our particular state of life. We mention some that are more general and apply to all walks of life. Among these services we can render are: time, talent, suffering, prayer, and material means. One of the most precious gifts God has given us is time. It is a gift that must be traded well. Our eternity may depend on how well it is used. It is a tool in our hands with which we carve the edifice in which we will live for all eternity."*

~ From MOTHER ANGELICA'S writings on SYMPATHETIC GENEROSITY: IN HIS SERVICE

#### PALMS NEEDED

Due to the weather our area had, it seems green palms may be hard to find this year. Every year for Palm Sunday the decorating committee uses many palms of all sizes including the very long ones. The smaller palms are also the ones blessed by Father and given out on Palm Sunday.

If you have Sago Palms that are green and survived the freezing weather this winter, please call the parish office and let us know. We are also in need of the larger palms, like the branches from a palm tree, as well. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 893-0244. Thank you.

#### OPERATION RICE BOWL

##### THE BURNING BUSH AND THE CALL OF MOSES

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

Rice Bowl packets are available in the Parish Office with instructions on how to follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more information.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2010

*"For three years I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down! Why should it exhaust the soil?" Luke 13: 1-9*

Jesus tells of a gardener who pleads to save a fig tree so he can cultivate it and hope to make it productive. In chapters one and two of Genesis, God reveals that He created man and woman and gave them dominion over His garden-all creation. Bishop Robert Morneau poignantly describes how God made us stewards of many gardens; the gardens of faith, our body, our family, our mind, our creativity, our many abilities and, most importantly, our ability to reason and our free will. He points out that all of the gardens belong to God and poses the question, "How are we caring for our gardens? Are we being good stewards? Have we cultivated our gardens or let them go fallow? Are our gardens as productive as God intended? If not, it is not too late. The first step is to identify and accept responsibility for the gardens that God has entrusted to our care. Do not be afraid. We have Jesus as our helper in our garden.

*~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~*

# Management and Finance

## BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

The staff in the St. Mary Magdalen parish office is handling the advertisements on the back of the bulletin. If you have a business this is a wonderful way to reach people while at the same time, showing your support to our parish. We distribute approximately 900 bulletins a week. We also have many people who visit our Church from out of town, both on the weekends and throughout the week. This is a wonderful opportunity to advertise, as we do have a few spaces open and available at this time.

We also want to remind parishioners that we also accept ads in a loved one's memory. This is a wonderful way to keep their memory alive. If you are interested, call the parish office at 893-0244.



## *St. Mary Magdalen Parish Capital Campaign*

### CAMPAIGN OPERATIONAL CHAIRS:

Pat & Vickie Patout and Charles & Mary Ellen Sonnier  
Brady Broussard, Jr. Chairperson of Stewardship and Development Commission  
Contact Peggy Ashley at the Campaign Office at 893-0244.

## Work Status Update

The contractor has started working on the baseboard molding around the sanctuary and the doors to the sacristy. It is anticipated that this part of the work will be complete next week. Then the painter can stain and seal the wood completing this item. We are in the process of scheduling the remaining work on the sound system.

### Individual Church Pews

**\$1,800 each** Pews have been refinished, cushions have been added for comfort and to help with acoustics.



**During the past week, two more pews have been memorialized through donations to the campaign (78 still to be memorialized).**

If you consider a donation for a pew in memory of a loved one, you can make a pledge over a three year period. If you choose to pay monthly, the payments are \$50 per month. You can choose other payment plans such as quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The campaign office will send you envelopes each quarter which can be used send in your payments either by mail or by dropping them in any collection.

As a permanent record for the parish, all donations to the capital campaign will be listed in the Capital Campaign Donations Book. When the campaign is complete, all donations will be listed in the book in their appropriate location. Donations for specific items, for example pews, will be listed in the section for pews. This book will be displayed at parish celebrations. Please consider this special gift as a way memorialize your loved one.

**Memorial opportunities are still available. Memorials may be pledged over a three year period. To reserve a remaining memorial please contact Peggy Ashley at the campaign office at 893-0244. Memorials are available on a first come, first serve basis.**