



10:00 am Kathleen Gebbia; Pirjo Bragge +; Bob Kenny +
8:30 pm St. Joseph Parishioners and Benefactors

Monday, March 11, 2019—

12:15 p.m. **Tobias S. Naegele**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019—

12:15 p.m. **Giselle Ford**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019—

12:15 p.m. **Elias King Naegele**

Thursday, March 14, 2019—

12:15 p.m. **Geraldine Natwin +**

Friday, March 15, 2019—

12:15 p.m. **Sylvia Cortez +; Ernestine Reed +; Shane Broussard**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 10 **One in Faith #981**

Mon.: Lv 19:1-18; Ps 19:8-15; Mt 25:31-46

Tues.: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wed.: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thurs.: Est:12, 14-25; Ps 138:1-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

Sat.: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-14;
 Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS , WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Anthony Blaise, Clarke Bordelon, Lawrence & Mamie Brown, Cheryl Butler, Beverly Cook, John Caron, John & Kathleen Gebbia, Sylvia Daily-Powell, Joseph Delay, Bernardine Dupre, Terry Eggleston, Linda Elwood, Heather Faircloth, Frances Fiegler, Darrell & Ramona Ford, Mark Eiserloh, Shirley Gaither, Roselyn Hansen, Sarah Hollier-Watkins, Marvin Johnston, Jim Karam, Bill Kroetz, Bette & Ken Kussman, Nowell Lacking, Landy Lanza, James Leung, Andrew Marino, Sara Marino, Priscilla Martin, Karen McCoy, Hazel McMiller, Donna Moore, Susan Orkus; Tina Roderfeld, Irelia Robinson; Bernie Saul; Pippy Sanders, Anita Schexnayder; Louise Sonnier, Malcolm Taylor, Mel & Gaspar Schiro; Fr. Tom Stehlik, CM, Jane Tonglet, Fritz Tripkovich, George Tripkovich, Georgiana Prevost, Marion Vaughn, Juanita Ware, Warren Webster, Cathleen Ward, Helen Wilson, Mary Willis, Lynn Williams, Charlie & JoAnn Slocum.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for the eternal rest of **Matt Mathews**. To reserve a date to burn the Candle in memory of someone or for a special intention, please call the church office (522-3186). The Sanctuary Candle offering is \$15 for two weeks. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00 per Mass.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life’s journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three “pillars” of Lent, we prepare for the journey from this life to eternal life every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death’s darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life’s journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.— Romans 10:8

PARISH CALENDAR

13 Mar. *Wednesday, Spirituality & Care of Creation 5:15 pm*
19 Mar. *Tuesday, St. Joseph Feast Day (8:30—5 pm) Mass 12 pm*

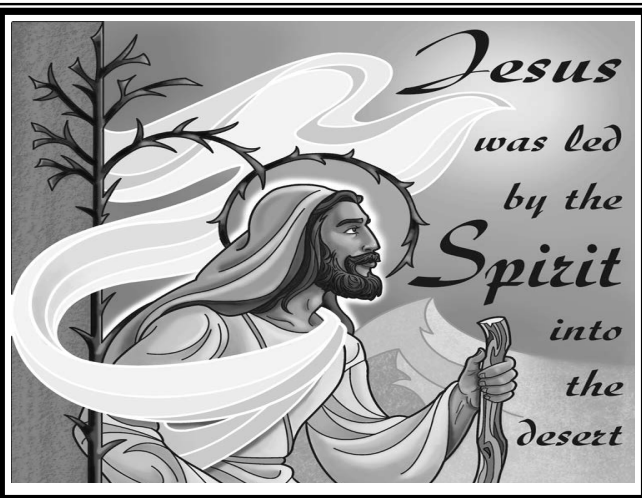
TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, March 3.....\$ 4,405.00
Capital Campaign..... 1,114.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Lent, Creation and Spirituality for Discipleship A Lenten Prayer and Reflection Series on Wednesdays during Lent based on Pope Francis’ inspiring and challenging Encyclical on Care of Creation presented by Loyola University. 3/13 Prof. Tom Ryan: **Intro. to Creation-Centered Spirituality**; 3/20 Prof. Tracey Lemont: **Caring for Creation as a Path to Holiness**; 4/3 Prof. Tom Ryan: **The Bible and Liturgy as Resources for Creation-Centered Spirituality**; 4/10; Sara DeMarais: **Reflections from Project For Sustainability with Catholic Sisters in East Africa**. End with Soup dinner.

St. Joseph Altar: To volunteer to serve and offer hospitality or to bring an offering for the Altar, please sign up in the church vestibule after Mass.

ISAIAH 43, a Parenting and Mentoring ministry of Catholic Charities is in need of male volunteers to mentor each child enrolled in the program. The program focuses on building community, strengthening relationships, goal setting, and Christian values. Contact Cynthia Self at: cself@ccano.org or 504-861-6345 for information.



TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord our God, and shall bow down in God’s presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. It seems what is true for us was so for Jesus: that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

Pope Francis’ March Intention
Human Trafficking

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Congratulations:

to the Recently Baptized:

Azrael Alexander Baggett
Jacob Davis Ferguson
Nizza Katerina Cardinale



CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of New Orleans continues to make the Hot Line available for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the Church. The Hot Line continues to be available; the number is (504) 522-5019. In continuing our commitment to support and to heal, we invite and encourage individuals who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Archdiocese to call our Hot Line and your message will be received confidentially by a mental health professional. Anyone can make a direct call during regular business hours to the Victims’ Assistance Coordinator at (504) 861-6253.