

March 5, 2023



### Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday  
8 am

Saturday Vigil  
5:00 pm

Sunday  
9:00 am & 12 Noon

First Saturday of Month  
Eucharistic Adoration  
and Confession  
7:-00 to 8 :00 am  
Mass  
8:00 am

Stations of the Cross  
(During Lent)  
Friday at 6 :00 pm

Reconciliation  
Saturday: 4:30—4:50 pm  
Sunday: 8:30—8:50 am  
Sunday: 11:30—11:50 am

Business Hours  
Wednesday-Friday  
10 am-3 pm

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### Second Sunday of Lent

#### LISTEN WHILE ON THE JOURNEY

Have you ever taken a long trip with a family member or friend and found yourself talking about the deeper things of life? Given time, the mundane can give way to topics of meaning and purpose. We sometimes speak of our movement through life and faith as a journey. The metaphor of a journey is fitting, since we are not only to make our way from one point to another the way we take a quick trip or a walk around the block— the process of living in faith is one of growth and change over time. On the journey of life and faith, we can find the grace to talk deeply with the Lord and listen to the voice of God, who strengthens us to face the challenges of living as followers of Christ.

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**PARISH INFORMATION SCHEDULE**

Baptism Class – By Appointment  
Baptisms - The Sunday after the class  
Marriages - Contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph did consecrate domestic life by thy ineffable virtues, grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by their example and may attain to their everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns world without end, Amen.

**A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**Confirmation Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church**

On Thursday, March 9 at 7 PM, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be given to Matthew and Zachary Chavez, and Alexandra Vega. Cardinal DiNardo will be the celebrant. Please pray for these young people as they take the next step in their Christian lives. All are welcome to attend!

**Standing-up for Caregivers!**

Beverly Nelson (beverly@standupfor-caregivers.org) has provided a resource guide for caregivers.

Visit <https://standupforcaregivers.org> for helpful tips on taking care of you!



**Online Giving Link!**

<https://www.archgh.org/ways-to-give/parish-offertory-support/>

**Contribution Statements To Be Distributed This Week**

The parish contribution statements for 2022 will be mailed this week. Thank you!

**Stations of the Cross During Lent (in Church)**

Stations of the Cross will celebrated every Friday at 6 pm.

**The Pastor's Desk**

Though this is late, I wish to thank everyone who remembered me with a card or gift this past Christmas! Your kindness and appreciation for my participation in Christ's ministry at Holy Family was deeply welcomed!

**Weekend Collection for Feb. 25-26, 2023**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Stewardship       | \$4006.50 |
| Capital Campaign  | \$344.00  |
| Other Collections | \$237.00  |
| Ash Wednesday     | \$1066.00 |

**January 2023 Online Giving**

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Stewardship      | \$2403.82 |
| Capital Campaign | \$460.00  |

**Family Center Mortgage and Savings Account**

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Current Mortgage | \$458,801.03 |
| Savings          | \$50,660.83  |

**Lenten Regulations**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Fast and abstinence from meat. Fasting means only one full meal; two smaller meals which together do not equal a full meal are also permitted. For those with health issues, modification is permitted. Applies to those age 18 to 59 inclusive.

All Fridays of Lent: Those age 14 and older must abstain from eating meat.

**Free Tax Preparation Services**

Free tax preparation services are available at the J. D. Walker Community Center on March 9 & 23, and April 6 from 10 AM to 6 PM. No appointments, walk-ins only. Please see flyer on the vestibule table.

**2023 DSF Collection (\$3035.00 Collected So far)**

Our parish goal this year is \$20,000. If you have contributed and your name is not listed please contact the office. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

|          |             |               |               |
|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| F. Pitt  | D. Fontenot | S. Thibodeaux | L. Thibodeaux |
| M. Ebow  | J. Collins  | E. Sifuentes  | M. Richard    |
| D. Allen | C. Allen    |               |               |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

|        |      |    |         |  |
|--------|------|----|---------|--|
| Sat.   | Mar. | 4  | 5 PM    | For the return to health of Larry Auzenne req'd by M. Ebow and C. Allen  |
| Sun.   | Mar. | 5  | 9 AM    | For the people of Holy Family Catholic Church                            |
| Sun.   | Mar. | 6  | 12 Noon | For the health of Ron Patterson, Adaya Semien, and Nicolle Thibodeaux    |
| Mon.   | Mar. | 6  | 8 AM    | For assistance to the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria      |
| Tues.  | Mar. | 7  | 8 AM    | For David Riojas and his family  |
| Wed.   | Mar. | 8  | 8 AM    | For a return to health of Lynette Simmons req'd by C. Allen and M. Ebow  |
| Thurs. | Mar. | 9  | 8 AM    | For the sick, homebound, and hospitalized of Holy Family Catholic Church |
| Fri.   | Mar. | 10 | 8 AM    | For Micah Ebow on his birthday as requested by Mike and Michele Ebow     |
| Sat.   | Mar. | 11 | 8 AM    | For the health of Ron Patterson, Adaya Semien, and Nicolle Thibodeaux    |

**TURNING POINTS**

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalms** — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
- Monday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset
- Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
- Wednesday: St. John of God
- Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
- Friday: Abstinence

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

**Act of Contrition**

My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

**The Scrutinies**

Next Sunday, if your parish is blessed with catechumens (now called "elect" during Lent) who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, you will likely celebrate with them the first of three scrutinies. These are rites integral to final Lenten preparations made by the elect, and they are celebrated on three successive Sundays, starting with the Third Sunday of Lent. The Church tells us that the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the lives of the elect. During the week leading up to each celebration, the elect engage in prayerful preparation involving deep reflection on their own lives and the new life to which they are called. The rites themselves use a special form of intercessions specifically directed to the lives of the elect, and include a prayer of exorcism.

It is essential that these rites be celebrated in the midst of the community, so that the elect experience the support of the parish members on this profound journey of faith. But it is equally important that the parish members witness the growing faith of the elect so they may be inspired by it for their Lenten journey of reflection on their own baptism in preparation for Easter.

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**SORE SHINS**

Don't break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.

—Irish proverb

**TRUE FRIENDSHIP**

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

—Anonymous

**DON QUIXOTE**

The Don Quixote of one generation may live to hear himself called the savior of society by the next.

—James Russell Lowell

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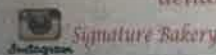
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