

FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the s o - c a l l e d

"practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God"

(1 *Corinthians* 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (*Matthew* 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



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Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to foster the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all people in order to empower them to bring change and healing to all.

Through the celebration of the Sacraments, religious education programs for all age groups, and other programs, we are to enhance and enrich the discovery of the Sacred found in all



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Monday, 2/21

9AM: Ardoin Family, Dalton Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Bourque, Mr. & Mrs. Theonise Duhon, Delta Duhon, Dr. J. O. Wood, Gail Wood.

Tuesday, 2/22

5:30PM: Kelly Perrin, Caroline, Arthur & Irasema deLafayette, Hazel Reed, Mardee Palmisano.

Wednesday, 2/23

9AM: Merlin Billeaud, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Delcambre.

Thursday, 2/24

9 AM: Doris Harrington, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Bock.

Friday, 2/25

9AM: Mr. & Mrs. Gus DaGain, Mr. & Mrs. Max Merrick, Jean Merrick, T. R. Roy, III.

Saturday, 2/26

4PM: Jack Hudson, Mrs. Bruno "Boo" Kidder, Bob Buniva & Parents, Staci & Jeff Lenox, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Harold Guillot, Nina Breaux, Marie B. Epstien, Peter John Mayeux, Doris Ann Bacque, John Latiolais, Sr., Lena Boudreaux, Jules Denais, JR., Vivian Broussard.

Sunday, 2/27

9AM: For the Parishioners.

11AM: Elmer & Betty Luquette, Percy & Earline Hebert, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Rhoda Bess Goodson.

5PM: Harold Guillot, The Normand Family.



**The Second Offering
today is for
Black & Indian Mission**

Church Offerings

February 13th Offerings \$22,777.50

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

**Discovering the Sacred
Within Covenant for 2011**

I will become more aware of the grace I have to make choices that bring healing and peace of mind into my life.



Question of the Week

Gospel Reflection: Matt 5:17-37

Today's Gospel from Matthew is one of the most intense accounts of the way Jesus changed things. "You have heard it said" he begins each part of his teaching and then goes on to say, "but I say to you" We are called to keep the commandments, of course, but we are called to much more.

Question for Adults: Which of Jesus' teachings in today's Gospel do you find most difficult? Why? What would have to change in your life to follow Jesus' commands?

Question for Children: How can I act out of love for God and others this week?



Come be Immersed in Christ this Lent

Immersed in Christ is a new five week Lenten study that helps us become Disciples who are conscious of

being Christ in the world: devoted to discipleship and committed to living out our baptismal anointing as prophets, priest and stewards of Christ's Kingship.

The study will be held on **Wednesdays** in the **Wisdom Meeting Room, Building D**, behind Building C from **7:00 - 8:30PM, March 2, 2011 Through April 13, 2011**. We will not be meeting March 20, 2011 because of the Lenten Mission. You can register by calling 984-9636 or the adult Faith Formation office at 654-9671. You can also register online at Holycrosslafayette.com

SECOND OFFERING

February 20th

This offering is for evangelization among the **African Americans and Native Americans** across the United States. Through the national collection, the Church continues the legacy of St. Katharine Drexel in proclaiming Gospel values.

The National Collection also provides opportunities for Christian formation in the Catholic faith, evangelization outreach on Indian reservations, parishes, schools, missions and in Black Catholic communities. The collection also supports missionaries ministering in these communities. Please visit their website at www.blackandindianmission.org to learn more about the ministry and legacy of the Black and Indian Mission Office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven"
Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus was a good Jew. He learned and lived the "Law" (the Ten Commandments). Jesus came to fulfill that Law by his life and teaching. He did that with exceptional faithfulness. However, unlike the scribes and Pharisees, he was not as scrupulous about the laws of ritual purity. He and his disciples gleaned ears of corn to feed themselves on the Sabbath and he consorted and had meals with many who were considered "unclean." But Jesus calls his disciples-that includes us-to go beyond mere compliance with the Law. He challenges us to go the extra mile, to go beyond good and to seek to be better, to want to be the best in "righteousness" by constantly striving to be all that God created us to be. Jesus did that himself. It was not easy or convenient or without risk for him. It is no different for us. But Jesus tells us the consequence for failing to try-"you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."



THEOLOGY ON TAP

For young adults (age 18-35), married or single. This is a ministry that seeks to evangelize, catechize, and inspire young adults in a casual setting. Currently this event is held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at Tsunami downtown Lafayette. Our February speaker will be **Rev. Jude Halpen** and will be held on **Wednesday, February 16th**. We hope you will join us!

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

On **March 1st**, all parents of children preparing for the sacrament this spring are reminded of the meeting from **6:00 -8:15pm**. Babysitting is provided but you must register for it by February 24th by calling Tammy at **984-9636 ext 223**.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S GATHERING

We will have our monthly Senior Citizen's Gathering on **Wednesday, February 16th** in **Mission Hall Bldg M**. Bingo begins at **10:30 am** followed by lunch. **Senior Citizen's Gatherings** are held on the third Wednesday of each month. **We invite you to join us!**



~ Worship ~
Elsa Mendoza
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ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

6:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm, 6:00 pm

The offering will be for the needy



Ash
Wednesday
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All Liturgical Ministers are asked to sign up in the sacristy.

Please take note that we will not be having an early morning Word and Communion Service during the upcoming Lenten season.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Anyone having extra medical equipment and supplies in good condition such as wheelchairs, tubs, benches, reachers, etc please contact Sondra Long, Holy Cross parishioner, at sondralong@gmail.com or at 337-534-4242.

ROMAN MISSAL

www.usccb.org/romanmissal



Please visit the Alcove to the Blessed Mother and pick up handouts as we continue to offer our faith community instruction and preparation. You may also visit the USCCB website at www.usccb.org/romanmissal and learn more about the revised Roman Missal.

GROWING TOGETHER

We will never arrive at a time when everyone agrees with everything, but we need to know that that's OK. Jesus seems to tell us, "Grow together and don't judge anyone until harvest time." The important thing is this: the Father calls us all not just to worship together in Jesus, but to live and love as Jesus—even in spite of the conflicts that we encounter along the way. *Copyright © Adapted from 2008 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW MEMBER DINNER

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's organization, is seeking new members. If you are interested in obtaining additional information about the KC's, we invite you and your family to join us for a dinner in the **KC hall** on **Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30 pm**. Contact **Neil Matthews** at **298-1830** to reserve a space for dinner.



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In Memoriam

Flowers on the altar today are in memory of the deceased members of those in the Confirmation Class that have loss someone dear to them.

Billy Brinkhaus

Aggie Domino

For a special uncle

Hortencia & Guillermo Escandon I

William Fralick

Chris Gamble

Sandra Hanks

Grammy & Pappy Hebert

PawPaw Billy Laborde

Theresa McGee

Great Grandmother Lily and Godmother Nicole

Pafy Olivares

Margo St. Julien Simien

Save the Date

Saturday, February 26th

Holy Cross Church, Lafayette

Keynote Speaker: Father Floyd Calais

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette is sponsoring a morning of workshops. All are welcomed to participate. Registration brochures with workshop descriptions can be found at the entrances of church and may also be found on the Central Region website www.centralregiononline.org and our Holy Cross website-Events calendar. Please pre-register early. Cost is \$10.00. We are confident the topics and priest speakers will engage your mind and heart:

Registration Forms may be found at the tables at the entrances of church.

THERESIAN DAY OF RENEWAL

The Acadiana District Theresians will sponsor a "Day of Renewal" on **Saturday, March 19, 8:30 am– 3:00 pm** at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 201 E. Bayou Parkway. The theme for the day is **"Be Still, Listen, and Allow God to Speak to You"**. Speakers will be Fr. Michael Champagne, Sr. Fatima Alphiri, and Mr. Roy Petitfils. Retreat fee is \$20 (\$25 at the door); \$10 for UL Lafayette students. Lunch is included. For registration information, please contact **Tammy Fontenot, 831-1899** or **Maggie Baudoin, 988-3755**.

Love Offerings

We are wishing to buy two new vestments. One for the Blessed Virgin and one to be used for Christmas and Easter and other special occasions. If anyone would like to make a love offering for someone in their family or simply out of thanksgiving, please call Elsa at 984-9636 ext.213

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20 <i>Confirmation Classes Religious Formation Classes</i> <i>Rev. Thomas VU</i>	21 <i>Religious Formation Classes</i> <i>Rev. Richard Wagner, SSJ</i>	22 Volunteer Appreciation Week <i>Rev. Arthur Warren</i>	23 <i>Religious Formation Classes</i> <i>Rev. Daniel White, SJ</i>	24 <i>3rd Grade Mass Practice</i> <i>Rev. Andrew Whitman, SJ</i>	25 <i>Rev. Lawrence Abara</i>	26 <i>Central Region Workshop Holy Cross 8:30am-Noon</i> <i>Rev. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSp</i>
27 <i>Rev. Joseph Alexander</i>	28 <i>Religious Formation Classes</i> <i>Msgr, Robert Angelle</i>	1 <i>1st Eucharist Parent Meeting</i> <i>Pope Benedict XVI</i>	2 <i>Religious Formation Classes</i> <i>Bishop Michael Jarrell</i>	3 <i>Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Bishop Glen Provost</i>	4 <i>Rev. Chester Arceneaux</i>	5 <i>Rev. Jules Arceneaux</i>

~ Please pray daily for our priest ~

~ Events around the Diocese ~

St. Joseph Altar at St. Peter, Carencro

All are invited to visit the *St. Joseph Altar at St. Peter Catholic Church, Carencro, on March 18 & 19*. The ultimate purpose of the altar is generosity. All the food collected will be sent to the poor and less fortunate. All who visit the altar will be fulfilling a need for someone other than themselves. To participate or for more information, please call 896-9408.

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS: For 800 years followers of St. Francis of Assisi have been rebuilding the Church. The Capuchin Franciscan are priest and brothers who serve Christ in the spirit of St. Francis. Men between the ages of 16 and 40 are invited to visit a Capuchin friary. Visits to Capuchin friaries in Pennsylvania, Washington DC and Ohio are held regularly.

For more information please call 1-888-263-6227 or email rftomcap@yahoo.com or visit www.capuchin.com

LA CAMP JOSHUA PRO-LIFE CAMP

Have you ever wanted to do more for life? Are you Pro-life but not sure how to defend your position? Do you feel like you just don't know enough to speak up? Then Camp Joshua is for you. Come and meet other Pro-Life teens. For more information please contact Kacie Hampton at 1-866-463-5433 or register online www.prolifelouisiana.org/youth/camp-joshua

Holy Cross Teens check this out!!!

RUSTON March 11-13

Baton Rouge April 1-3

? ARE YOU REGISTERED ?

Active Membership is determined by:



- Registration in the parish
- Faithful attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days
- Support of the parish through time, talent and treasures

Please call the church office at 984-9636 to make sure you are registered.

Catholics Come Home

This lent the Diocese of Lafayette will be part of a **Catholic Come Home** campaign. Television commercials will air on various channels promoting the charitable works of the Catholic Church as well as hearing testimonies from Catholics who have returned to the Church. We encourage each of you to invite those who many not be practicing the faith to join us for the Lenten Season. We invite all those who are inactive, to come home and find healing, answers and support . There is always a place for you here. Visit catholicscomehome.org for more information.

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