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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am

Weekdays:

7:00 am (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)

9:00 am (Wednesday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham

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Fr. Ed Degeyer

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PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

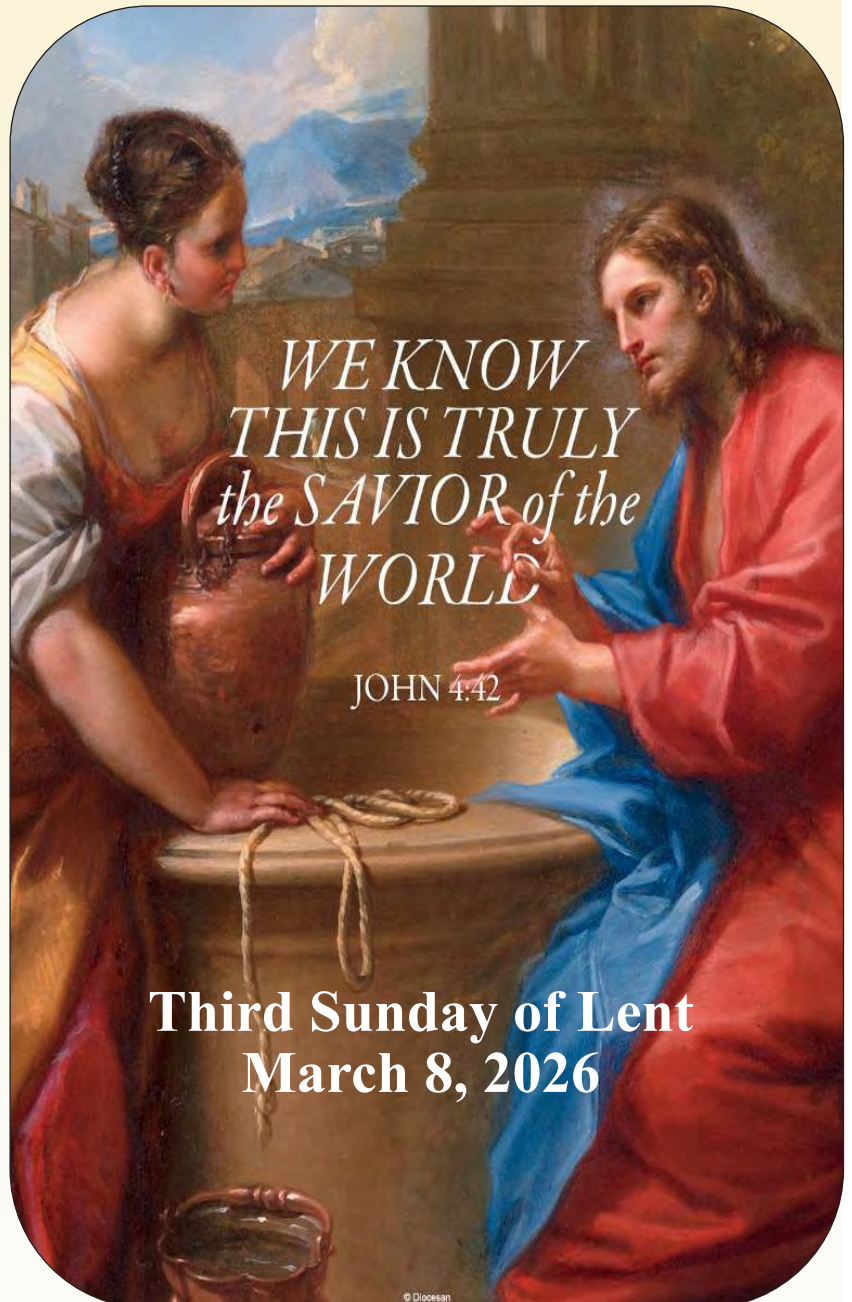
ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

Third Tuesday: 7:30 am (*Patriotic*)



**Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026**

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17:3-7
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

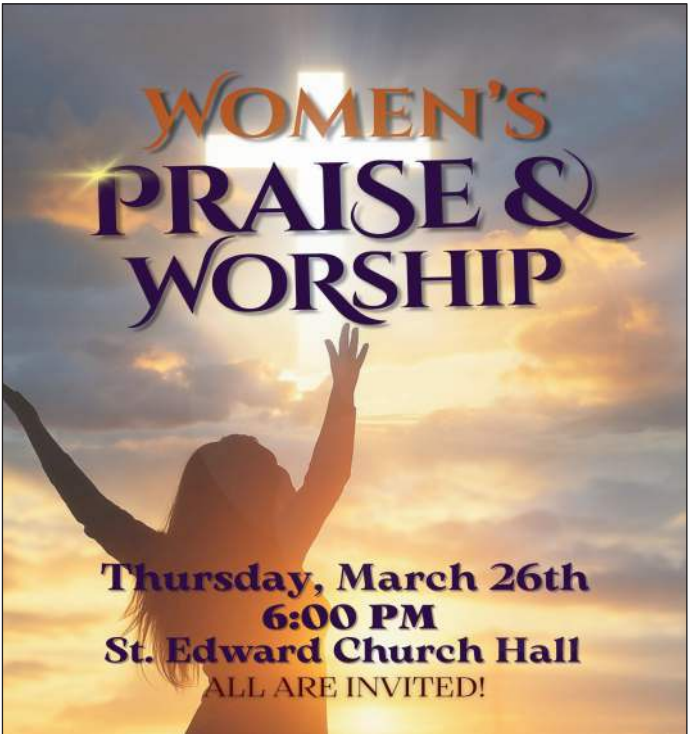
The Third Sunday of Lent

The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert. Though they have seen His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm. Jesus is thirsty, too, in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see John 19:28). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life. These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans, but Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see Luke 11:31–32).

The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see 2 Kings 17:6, 24–41). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem. But Jesus tells the woman that the “hour” of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth. Jesus' “hour” is the “appointed time” that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see John 19:34–37).

These waters are the Holy Spirit (see John 7:38–39), the gift of God (see Hebrews 6:4). By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see Ephesians 2:12–14, 18). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see 1 Corinthians 12:13). In this Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob. In the “today” of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: “I am He,” come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

Scott Hahn



**WOMEN'S
PRAISE &
WORSHIP**

**Thursday, March 26th
6:00 PM
St. Edward Church Hall
ALL ARE INVITED!**

REFLECTIONS THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

There have always been serious divisions between the various religions of the world. Each group holding fast to their beliefs and firmly declaring that anyone who does not believe as they do is wrong or even evil. In Jesus' day, the Samaritans were a despised sect and no righteous Jew would have anything to do with them, much less a woman with a bad reputation. Yet Jesus takes time to talk with the Samaritan woman at the well. He does not condemn her. He does not put her down in any way. On the contrary, He treats her with respect and kindness and even tells her that He is the Messiah (something He does not normally proclaim to anyone). Consider how you treat those who do not hold your beliefs - do you follow the example Jesus has given us?

*Oh that today you would hear His voice;
Harden not your hearts. - Psalm 95:7-8
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PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Dan & Ellen Claudy

(March 8th - March 14th)



Each week, a family or an individual from our parish receives the vocation cross. If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church.

Resolutions for 2026

Catholic Study Bible - Read it. Study it.
 Didache Bible - Midwest Theological Forum-Ignatius Bible
 Great Adventure Bible - Ascension Press
 Ignatius Study Bible

Read Matthew 5 or Luke 6 once a month.

Go to Confession once a month.

Pray the Hail Mary 3x upon waking & 3x before bedtime.

Read one of the letters of St. Paul (Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians).

Pray the Rosary daily.

Try to make time for Eucharistic Adoration.

Read and study the Bread of Life Discourse - John 6.

Good Catholic Devotional Book - Pick devotion and stick with it.

Read the biography of a saint. Get to know them personally.

Read/Study Galatians 5-Works of the Flesh vs. Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Pray the 7 Penitential Psalms - One for each day of the week.

Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. Psalm 51 should be on Friday.

Apologetics Series from San Juan Catholic Seminars

(catholicapologetics.com)

YouTube - Dr. Scott Hahn, Trent Horn, Dr. Karlo Broussard, Jimmy Akin.

Universal Catechism of the Catholic Church

Read Exodus Chapters 12 & 13 - The First Passover.

Become an Intentional Disciple, not just a cultural Catholic.

2 Corinthians 2:14-17 - The Aroma of Christ.

Fall in love with God!!!



Mothers Day Women's Retreat

Join us for a transformative weekend as we orient our lives toward the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In a world filled with noise, it is easy to lose our way. This retreat is designed to help you recalibrate your spirit and "map" your soul's journey toward grace. Together, we will discover how to use the alliance of these Two Hearts as a divine compass - allowing us to navigate life's distractions while always remaining anchored in the center of Love.



"The most efficacious way to have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is through the Immaculate Heart of Mary."
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

The Soul's Compass: "A Journey into the Two Hearts"

<p>FEATURED PRESENTERS</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  NATALIA SCHUMANN </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  SR. MARY PETER & SR. MARY MAGDALEN </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  FR. JOEL FAULK PRIEST </div> </div>	<p>RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Prayer • Dynamic Talks • Praise and Worship • Eucharistic Adoration • Mass & Confession • Melissa's Birthday Blast
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MAY 8-9, 2026
 Retreat Cost: \$200.00
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PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office 337-364-8360.

Sirena Rogers, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, The Delahoussaye Fly, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, The Greig & Belaire Fly, Josephine Delcambre, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Robert McDaniel, Ron Cutrera, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Barbara Keegan, Mike & Doris Degeyter Fly, Rory Suire, Crystal Elizabeth Olivier, Patrick Valls, Nickas Bonin, Gene Gonsoulin, Coty Bourque, Erskine Katz, Randy & Jessica Broussard, Jane Arceneaux, Rebecca Segura, Terry & Gloria Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, Roland & Faye Boudreaux, Delina Lafont, Emma Judice, Kathleen & Larry Viator, Duppy Duplantis, Caroline Dubois, Bailey Prudhomme, Jane Patin, Juanita & Hargis Lewis, Nettie Voorhies, Johnathon Angers, Alice Trahan, Francine Gautier, Betty Romero, Deborah Plouet, Donald Voorhies. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

7:00am Carolyn C. Fuselier (bd)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

9:00am Kevin Elmer (bd), Carrol Romero, Sr. Gersie & Rodney Bienvenu Whitney & Una Broussard, Creed Dugas Deanna & Buddy Romero, Gloria Guilbeau Gloria & Syprine Menard, Joyce Barras Ernie & Sylvia Broussard, Andre LaBauve Scott & Deborah Detwiller

Thursday, March 12, 2026

7:00am Ellen Claudy (liv bd)

Friday, March 13, 2026

5:30pm Bonnie L. Boudreaux (bd) Ronald "RT" Touchet, Ora Landry Raymond & Pearlle Romero Ronnie J. Landry (liv bd), Stuart Hulin

Saturday, March 14, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero Dawn Degeyter Gipson (bd), Bill Olivier Bayne Olivier, Lynward Ransonet Alpha & Lilly Viator, Roy Flores Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, Roger Preble Emmet & Marguerite Conery

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Henry & Dorothy McDonald
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza JoAnn Cangemi, Tony Cangemi Ginger Comeaux (liv bd), Bobby Norris Emily & Tuttie Romero, Jr., Pat Jardell Leroy & June Aucoin, Cliff Aucoin

Please keep **Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham**
Fr. Edward Degeyter
and **all priest** in your prayers.

O.L.A.S. Easter/Spring Floral Arrangements

Each Wednesday in March following the 9:00am Masses we will gather in Barsen Hall to create spring florals. These will be sold prior to Easter weekend. All are invited to join in preparing these silk arrangements. Refer questions to Margo LeBlanc, O.L.A.S. President at 337-380-3319.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for March

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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& Ronnie J. Landry**



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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Faith Formation - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Confirmation Practice 6:00 pm - Church

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am
K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Supper & Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Confirmation - 6:30 pm - Church

Friday, March 13, 2026

Mass at 5:30 pm
Way of the Cross - 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Second Collection - New Iberia Poor & Needy

WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm following the 5:30pm Mass in church. There will be no 7:00am Mass on Fridays in Lent.



RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Every Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 pm
Weekdays - 30 minutes before Mass

Knights of Columbus Council #12997 Fundraiser
1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potatoes
Sweets will be sold by the Ladies Auxiliary members.
Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 11AM - 1PM
Tickets (\$15each) will be sold after each weekend Mass and are available from any K.C. member or in the Church office.

**MASS SERVERS
March 10, 2026 - March 15, 2026**

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/10/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 3/11/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Phil & Renee Haney Ross & Cindy Landry	Sacristan
Thursday 3/12/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 3/13/26	5:30pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin		Sacristan
Saturday 3/14/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Bill Miller	Mike & Doris Degeyter	See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 3/15/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Nena Suit	Wayne Duhon Ricky Segura	See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	June Jones	Vicki Murdock Linda Viator	See Altar Server Schedule

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