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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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PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *André Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

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

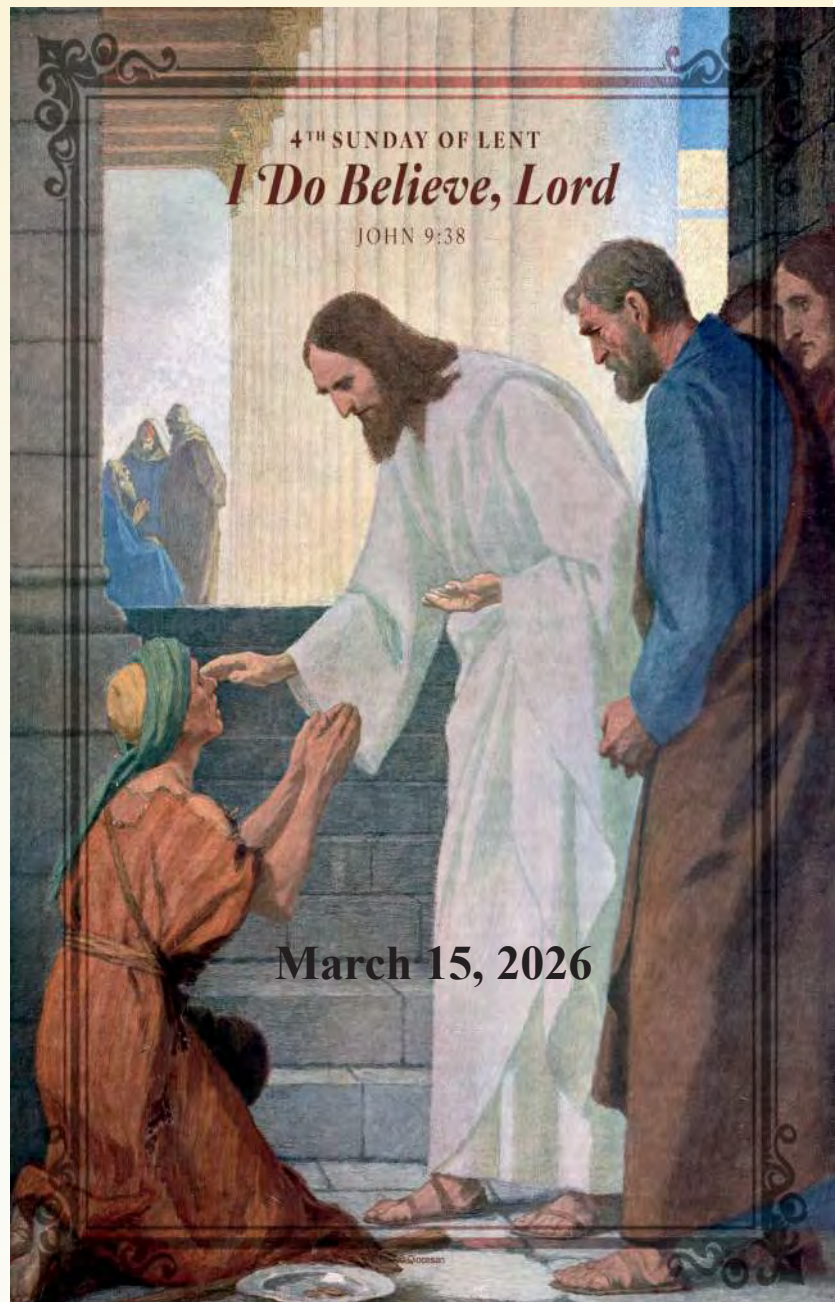
ROSARY:

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

First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

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



TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel—as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "sent." Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water—the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see John 4:10; 7:38–39). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70–71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see John 10:11).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord." "The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light"—trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

It is tempting to think that when things are going well it is because God is pleased with us and when they aren't that we have done something "wrong." Perhaps, this kind of reasoning is more "comfortable" than the alternative which is to take responsibility for the choices we have made. Such an attitude also does a disservice to God. He is not keeping a tally to determine punishments and rewards. God is constantly pouring out His love and grace in the midst of good and bad times. Do you believe that God loves you all the time?

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want- Psalm 23:1
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Tickets are being sold for a chance at this beautiful handmade quilt for \$5.00 each. You can purchase your tickets from any K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Member, or in the Church Office. The drawing will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th, after the 10am Mass. Contact the Church Office at 337-364-8360 or Rosemary Escoto at 337-335-7077 for more information.

A woman with her arms raised in prayer against a sunset background. The text "WOMEN'S PRAISE & WORSHIP" is written in large, stylized letters. Below the text, it says "Thursday, March 26th 6:00 PM St. Edward Church Hall ALL ARE INVITED!"

**WOMEN'S
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PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS

The Palms will be blessed at all of the Masses the weekend of March 28th & 29th
This begins the most solemn week of the liturgical year.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY MASS (April 2nd) - 7:00pm

We commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on this day.

ADORATION (W/O EXPOSITION) OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 8:30 - 9:30 pm
occurring after Holy Thursday Mass



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES (April 3rd) - 3:00pm

We commemorate the death of our Lord. This will consist of liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY SERVICES (April 4th) - 8:00pm

The Easter Vigil commemorates the Resurrection of our Lord.

NOTE: NO 3pm Confessions and NO 4pm MASS.



EASTER SUNDAY (April 5th)

Easter morning Masses will be at **8:00, and 10:00am**

Knights of Columbus
Council #12997 Fundraiser
1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potatoes
Sweets will also be sold by
K.C. 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.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Roger Preble



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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.

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RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS

- Community Prayer
- Dynamic Talks
- Praise and Worship
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Mass & Confession
- Melissa's Birthday Blast

MAY 8-9, 2026
Retreat Cost: \$200.00
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*Registration Opens 03.07.26 at 7 am

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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, Megan B. Broussard. 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 for the Week

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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

7:00am Robin L. Viator (liv bd)
Kate Elise Ortego (liv bd)

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

9:00am Jude Broussard, Andre LaBauve
Gloria Guilbeau, Joseph Viator
Patti Gagnard, Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly

Thursday, March 19, 2026

7:00am Kylee Rose (liv) & Zachary Michael (liv)
Daspit Elementary Students & Teachers

Friday, March 20, 2026

5:30pm Stuart Hulin, Koch Fly
Ronald "RT" Touchet, Ora Landry
Raymond & Pearlle Romero

Saturday, March 21, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero
Juliette C. Dubois, Bill Olivier
Bayne Olivier, Lynward Ransonet
Jules & Leona Broussard, Russell J. Simon
Henry & Dorothy McDonald

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Enrique Escoto
Tan & Jean (bd) Dugas, Creed Dugas
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza
Romero & Walker Fly

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.

Donations, in memory of a loved one, for Easter Flowers & Decorations for the Church, can be made by visiting the Church Office or calling 337-364-8360.



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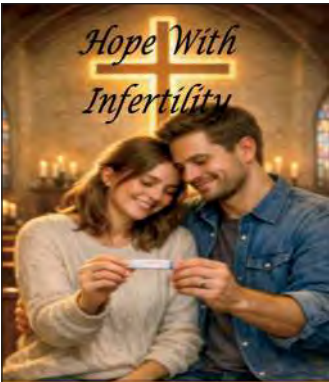


Please keep
Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham
Fr. Edward Degeyter
and all priest in your prayers.

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD	March 01, 2026
Loose.....	\$ 2,689.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,475.00
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Mailed in offertory.....	\$ 265.00
Online Giving offertory	\$ 1,160.22
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 6,589.22

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CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
 Faith Formation - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
 Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
 Men's ACTS Retreatant Sendoff
 4:30pm - 6:15pm - Parish Hall

Friday, March 20, 2026

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

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm
 1st Communion Retreat
 8:45am to 1:00pm - Parish Hall

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
 Men's ACTS Retreatants Return & Attend
 10:00am Mass - then reception in Parish Hall immediately following.

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

MASS SERVERS

March 17, 2026 - March 22, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 3/17/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 3/18/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Ross & Cindy Landry Willie Elmer Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Thursday 3/19/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Friday 3/20/26	5:30pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Pete Aucoin		Sacristan
Saturday 3/21/26	4:00pm	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Margo Leblanc	Mike & Doris Degeyter Andree Schlicher Cindy Landry	See Altar Server Schedule
Sunday 3/22/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Paul Broussard	Julie Roy Mary Pesson	See Altar Server Schedule
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Mike & Brenda Comeaux	See Altar Server Schedule

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