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March 8th & 9th, 2008, Fifth Sunday of Lent



Reminder!

Pictorial Directory Sign-Up

St. Anne, Assumption and St. Philomena have made plans for the production of our next parish directories. We will produce 1 directory for St. Anne and Assumption together and 1 directory for St. Philomena.

The sign-up phase (for St. Anne and Assumption) begins this weekend after all Masses.

The sign-up phase for St. Philomena will begin at the end of March. Please encourage one another to take advantage of this opportunity, and feel free to call either parish office for more information.

Families participating in the directory project will receive 1 free copy of the directory and 1 free 8x10 portrait.

Pastor

Fr. Trey Nelson

Associate Pastor

Fr. Howard Adkins

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Cheryl Arboneaux and Carol Guillot

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Maintenance

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Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday 5:30pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am Assumption

Weddings

There is a required 6 month process of preparation. Wedding dates are tentative until first meeting with priest

Funerals

Please contact church office for help with arrangements

Baptisms

Contact office for the dates and times of baptism seminars and baptisms

Emergencies

Call 369-6656 and follow directions given on voice mail message

From the Tee Box...

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 8th and 9th, 2008

“Do not go gentle into that good night, rage, rage against the dying of the light.”

—Dylan Thomas
(1914-1953)

Dear Friends:

These words from the poet Dylan Thomas have always meant a great deal to me. They comprise the first line of the poem by the same name. Written at the bedside of his dying father, who had been ill for many years, and as a memorial to him, this poem expresses the deep, inner struggles that we go through when we are challenged to bid a final farewell to someone whom we love. While some experiences of suffering and loss may be viewed as more difficult than others, we all know that saying that last goodbye always touches us at the core of who we are and brings up within us many varied emotions.

You will have noticed that the Gospel selections for these Sundays in Lent are a bit longer. They are, however, some of the most significant encounters in the life of Jesus. This weekend we hear the story of Lazarus, a moment in the life of Jesus when we can feel closely connected to his humanness. Most of us, no doubt, recall this as the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. While this happening stands at the center of the story, of great significance also are the feelings that we see in Jesus as he arrives in Bethany, encounters Martha, Mary, and the mourners, and then approaches Lazarus' tomb. We see in Jesus the gamut of emotions, from profound sadness to, even, anger and perhaps guilt. It is even speculated by some that Jesus may have also felt angry at himself. We will never know with exact certainty. We do, however, know one thing for sure: Jesus was like us in all things except sin. This means that, in every way other than sin, Jesus was like us. He felt. He cried. He laughed. He was sad. He experienced anger. In this particular scene from



his life here are some simple interpretations of what he felt and why: angry at the mourners (and perhaps even Martha and Mary) because of their lack of faith in the resurrection; sadness over the death of his dear friend, Lazarus; and perhaps some anger or at least questioning of the fact that he delayed his coming to Bethany. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “*if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.*” These words could have very well added to the inner struggle that Jesus himself was experiencing.

How many times have we felt these same emotions as we faced the death of someone who was important to us. We feel it in families, in schools, and in communities. We sometimes experience anger, simply over the fact that it happened, and sometimes we might even get angry at God. We look back on an experience, sometimes, and the way in which it happened and say to ourselves, “*if I had only been there...if I had only done this...or that, then this would never have happened.*” One of the potholes of life that we sometimes get hung up in is that of **feeling bad about how we feel**. Catholics in particular at times feel that **what they feel** is itself a sin. When I was in the seminary (at Notre Dame in New Orleans) our rector, who now serves as Bishop of the Diocese of Austin, Texas (Bishop Greg Aymond), told us more than once that, “*feelings are a gift from God. The ability to feel, regardless of what that feeling is, is itself a gift.*” He would go on to remind us that sin might enter in, depending on what we allow our feelings to lead us to do. So, feeling angry, for example, is not in and of itself sinful, even during times of loss and even if we're tempted to be angry at God. The Lord blesses our feelings and calls us to **trust our way through them**, to trust that we will encounter God in a new way, even in profound suffering. Jesus, in his encounter with the relatives and friends of Lazarus, accepted and blessed their feelings, but he also called them to a deeper faith in him and in the resurrection. He accepts and blesses our feelings as well and calls us to the same faith.

Have a great week!

Fr. Trey Nelson
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS

- March 10** **Confirmation Candidates**
Youth House
6:30pm until 8:00pm
- April 7** **First Eucharist Review Class**
4:30pm until 5:30pm
- April 9** **Confirmation Interviews**
Landsmann Center
6:00pm until 8:00pm
- April 13** **Confirmation Retreat**
Youth House
1:45pm until 8:00pm
- April 14** **Religion Closing**
K-5 (4:30pm until 5:30pm)
6-8 (5:45pm until 6:45pm)
- April 19** **First Eucharist Retreat & Practice**
9:30am until 11:30am
- April 20** **First Eucharist**
St. Anne Church
11:00am
Confirmation Practice
St. Anne Church
4:00pm
- April 21** **Confirmation**
St. Anne Church
7:00pm

St. Anne Flower Ministry



The flower committee would like to invite any new member to join our ministry. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Alice Boudreaux (369-2540), Stella Foley (369-7471), Elaine Adolph (369-6492), or Joyce Thibodeaux (369-7915).



Anyone wishing to donate cut palms for Palm Sunday weekend are asked to contact the church office (369-6656) or Yvette Hebert (369-6191).

March 2008



Jennie Stevens
Sarah Whaley

Baptisms & Seminars



The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, April 1st** at 7:00 p.m. in the Landsmann Center.

Parents are to contact Mrs. Kathy Landry prior to the Baptismal Seminar at 369-2130.

Any questions regarding seminar, please call Mrs. Kathy Landry.

Please call the church office to schedule baptism. Unless otherwise noted, baptisms always take place on the **third Sunday of the month** after the 9:15am Mass at Assumption Church.

Way of the Cross
Immaculate Conception Chapel
5:30pm
Every Friday of Lent

KC 1099 Palm Sunday Dinner
Sunday, March 16, 2008
\$6.00 each

Tickets will be available at all Masses and at Ace Hardware in Napoleonville. Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, & Dessert.

The rosary, Way of the Cross, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed every weekday during Lent at St. Anne Church beginning at 8:30am.

Immaculate Conception Chapel
150 Years Celebration
May 4, 2008

Immaculate Conception Chapel is celebrating their 150th year May 4, 2008. We are in need of photographs of weddings in the chapel, other church activities, such as Communion or Confirmation, or fairs at the church hall. Any church, hall, or rectory related photos would be greatly appreciated. Copies will be made from the original and the original will be returned to the owner. If you can help us with this project, please contact Barbara Blanchard: 369-7029 or Jane Templet: 369-6270.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE...
burns this week in memory of:



Assumption Church
Lenny LeBlanc

St. Anne Church
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Alleman, Sr.

A Prayer for Our Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

[Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops]

The Bayou Parishes
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays

- 4:00pm St. Anne Church
- 4:00pm St. Jules Church
- 5:00pm St. Philomena Church
- 6:00pm St. Elizabeth Church

Sundays

- 7:00am St. Anne Church
- 7:45am St. Philomena
- 8:30am St. Jules Church
- 9:15 am Assumption Church
- 10:00am St. Philomena Church
- 10:45am St. Elizabeth Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
March 1st & 2nd, 2008

St. Anne Offertory	\$3,493.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$5,840.00
Assumption Offertory	\$1,287.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 671.25
	\$11,291.25

Thank you for your generous support!

The envelope for the *Holy Land* will be taken up Good Friday.

The envelope for the **Priests' Retirement** will be taken up the weekend of March 22 & 23.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



March 15th & 16th, 2008

OUTSIDE FLAP

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS	Saturday 4:00 PM Mass St. Anne Church	Sunday Mass 7:00am St. Anne Church	Sunday 9:15AM Assumption Church
READERS	Jan & Sophie Bergeron	Lee Meyer	Stephanie Carlos Tommy Meyer
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jan & Sophie Bergeron Judy Aysenne	Stella Foley Cheryl Blanchard Irene Landry	Poonie Templet Adam & Connie Traigle
ALTAR SERVERS	Tate Foley Jacob Richard	Ashley Blanchard Gabrielle Albarado	Grant Crochet Hunter Daigle
USHER CAPTAINS	Achille Boudreaux	Bob Daigle	Doug Guillot
SACRISTANS	Lou Simoneaux Lindsey Fussell	Wanda Daigle	Adam & Connie Traigle
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			Iva & Drew Hebert
<u>Monday</u> <u>March 17,</u> <u>2008</u> Money- Counters	9:00 A.M.		Dot Boudreaux Connie Crochet Jane Templet Barbara Blanchard

**Schedule of Ministries March 10—March 14, 2008
Readers/Eucharistic Ministers/Sacristan**

March 10 **5:00pm** **St. Anne**
Henry Adolph/Don Bergeron/Henry & Elaine Adolph

March 11 **7:00am** **St. Anne**
Joyce Terrell/Irene Landry/Laure Hebert

March 12 **5:30pm** **St. Philomena**

March 12 **7:00am** **Assumption**
Marvin Schwartzburg/Wendy Baldwin/Opal Simoneaux

March 13 **7:30am** **St. Philomena**

March 14 **12 Noon Lent only** **St. Philomena**

March 14 **5:30pm** **Immaculate Conception**
Way of the Cross

St. Anne Flower Ministry

All Decorate for Palm Sunday **March 14**
All Decorate for Holy Thursday **March 19**
All Decorate for Easter **March 21**