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This Coming Wednesday
February 25th is

ASH WEDNESDAY

AND THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT

The holy season of Lent is almost upon us. This week we begin a time of preparation: we are invited to enter into the desert with Jesus, to unite ourselves with his sacrificial suffering, and to make our hearts ready for the joy of Easter. You are invited to join us for our Ash Wednesday celebration of Eucharist. The imposition of ashes will be offered at each Mass:

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:00am at Assumption
12:00 Noon at St. Anne
7:00pm at St. Anne

12:00 Noon at St. Philomena
7:00pm at St. Philomena

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Mr. Elvin Ponvelle

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Reconciliation

St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday 5:00pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am St. Anne

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

A Weekly Letter from Our Clergy



**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
21-22 February 2008**

Dear Friends in the Lord:

People make extraordinary claims everyday of their lives. We see this unfold throughout history. The story is told that Napoleon, fearing the Church was his only roadblock to total domination in France, gathered the Parisian bishops together and declared "Give me three days and I will destroy this Church." The bishops gazed at one another and chuckled and one even piped up, "That's preposterous! I mean if we bishops hadn't destroyed it in 1800 years, there's no way that you can destroy it in three days!"

Yes, these preposterous, extraordinary claims are all around us. We've all heard of the fifty pound bass that got away, or the thirty point buck that we shot and is lying dead somewhere in the woods. We who hear these stories have two choices: we can believe the words or dismiss them as mere folly.

These claims are something that hit home because our faith is the same way: our faith is one that often makes ridiculous claims. Might today's Gospel be inviting us to examine the truth of our own extraordinary claims of our faith so that we might find ordinary conversion in our lives and hearts as we begin our Lenten journey for 2009 come this Ash Wednesday?

Our first reading from Isaiah for this weekend outlines some of the preposterous characteristics we attribute to God: he is faithful to His covenant and He keeps his promises of mercy by making a way in the desert and rivers in the wastelands. Don't these claims seem rather grandiose and extraordinary? But Isaiah delivers the greatest of all at the end of the first reading: even though we place our sins and burdens on the Lord, he wipes away all our sins and transgressions and forgives us for all



of them.

Jesus is shown in the Gospel making many the most extraordinary claim that no Jew would dare: he claims that He and the Father are one. He must have known that such a claim would be His invitation to court death, a claim that took great courage on His part. Those who listened to his words had only two alternatives: they could either accept them as legitimate – that He truly was the Son of God – or dismiss him as a blasphemer. We see that the scribes immediately dismiss him as a crazy person who says things about himself that only seem applicable to God!

Is our faith life filled with equally extraordinary claims? We might claim that this Lent will change us and prepare us for the Easter season, and we can accept this claim as true or dismiss it as false. We might be tempted to rationalize the truth of it all because it seems so preposterous. How can prayer, fasting, and almsgiving change me so radically? I really won't change that much during Lent. My Rice-Bowl is only so heavy because of all the pennies I've stuffed in it. I've only lost some weight because I can't stand to eat the food that mom and dad are feeding me from their kitchen. That glow about me only has to do with the sun I've been getting.

Our faith is one that claims extraordinary things: refreshing waters cleanse sins; words and contrition absolve our misgivings; oils provide healing balm; bread and wine become body and blood; we change by our discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving! Can all that be true? It all sounds so radical! It will only make sense if we believe that the temple soon to be destroyed can indeed be rebuilt speedily in three days! May we accept the ordinary parts of our faith, as preposterous as they are, as simple foretastes of the glory that awaits us!

I write this little note as I prepare to go with my mother to Rome, Assisi, and Florence for a week of vacation. My prayers are with you all during my journey there at all of the sites that are the foundation of our faith; keep me in your prayers for a safe return!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS

NO CLASSES MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2009

**KC 1099 & Assumption Community Hospital
Annual Health Fair**

Saturday, March 7, 2009

8:00am until 11:00am

St. Anne Church Hall

Screenings:

Cholesterol (12 hour fast) Alzheimer's Awareness

Glucose Hemoglobin Carotid Ultrasound

Depression Blood Pressure Pulse Oximetry

Weight Nutritional Counseling Much More

**Door Prizes & Give-A-Ways
(donated by local businesses)**

Third Order of Mary

The Third Order of Mary will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday March 4th at 3:00 pm in the Landsmann Center.

Immaculate Conception Ladies Altar Society

The next meeting of the Immaculate Conception Ladies Altar Society is Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to the meeting.

The next quarterly communion is Sunday, March 8th at St. Anne's 8:00 am mass.

REMINDER: Dues of \$10.00 are now due. (Ages 70 and above are \$5.00)

**Help Promote the Sanctity of Life
Freedom of Choice Act
(F.O.C.A.)**

This legislation is due to be discussed in the very near future in Congress. If this act passes, it will reverse all legislation and/or court decisions regarding the sanctity of life issues ever decided. The President has stated that if it comes to his desk, he will sign it. Parishioners are invited to complete postcards (to be made available next weekend) to send to our Senators and Representative to voice opposition to this legislation in whole or part. Please do not separate the cards. Please sign each one and print your name and address on each. (Suggestion: please bring 6 self addressed labels and a pen. We will mail the cards. Donations to help with postage are welcome.)



February 2009

Lester T. "Timmy" Falterman,
V.A. Daigle, Marguerite Dias, Phil Harris,
Storm Douglas, and Ernest Daigle, Sr.
Vivian Aucoin



Baptisms & Seminars

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, April 7** 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.

Bishop's Day Luncheon

honoring the Most Reverend Robert W. Muench, D.D.

Sunday, March 15

11:30am to 2:00pm

Boudreaux's (2647 Government Street), Baton Rouge

Special Guest: Reverend Ronald P. Herzog, D.D.,
Bishop of the Alexandria Diocese

The event is sponsored by the Cathedral of St. Joseph
Volunteers of the Cathedral will also be honored.

Reservation deadline is March 6, 2009

Tickets: \$50.00 per person

Silent Auction of Exquisite Fine Jewelry from Clement
Jewelry

Call (225)387-5928 for Reservations

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS - THE ROSARY
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

Will be prayed every weekday morning at 8:30 in St.
Anne Church during Lent.

E.D. White Catholic High School will be holding registration for the 2009-2010 school year from Monday, February 16th through Friday, March 6th.

For more information or to obtain a registration packet, contact Ms. Michelle Chiasson at 446-8486, extension 103, or michiasson@htdiocese.org



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE...
burns this week in memory of:
Assumption Church
 Jeremy Newchurch



St. Anne Church
 J.P., Rosemary and Jimmy Martin

Mass Intentions

Sat., Feb. 28	4:00pm	Boyd Marks Family
Sun., March 1	8:00am	J.P., Rosemary, & Jimmy Martin
	9:30am	For the People
Mon., March 2	5:00pm	“All the Deceased”
Tues., March 3	7:00am	Edward “Touptee” Talbot
Wed., March 4	12:00pm	Leonard Guedry, Sr.
Sat., March 7	4:00pm	For the people
Sun., March 8	8:00am	Oneil Cedotal
	9:30am	Donald Martin

A Prayer for Our Soldiers

O Lord, that they may return home in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 14 & 15, 2009

St. Anne Offertory	\$3,070.07
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	<u>\$1,329.00</u>
Total	\$4,399.07

Thank you for your generous support!

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Feb. 28 & March 1 2009

OUTSIDE FLAP

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS	Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil St. Anne Church	Sunday Mass 8:00am St. Anne Church	Sunday 9:30am Assumption Church
READERS	Sandy & Lindsey Fussell	Wanda Daigle	Angela & Abbie Burt
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sandy Fussell Laurie Gauthier Tatty Gaudet	Karen Arboneaux Crystal Talbot Ricky Blanchard	Poonie Templet Angela Burt Laure Hebert
ALTAR SERVERS	Gabrielle Albarado & Chuckie Daigle	Logan Talbot Bailey Daigle	Wesley & Spencer Adolph
USHER CAPTAINS	Achille Boudreaux	Bob Daigle	Doug Guillot
SACRISTANS	Brenda Landry	Wanda Daigle	Laure Hebert
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			
<u>Monday</u> <u>March 2, 2009</u> <u>Money-Counters</u> <u>9:00am</u>			Loretta Carrier Joel Ann Dugas Al Hernandez Cheryl Goodwyne Pat Guillot

Schedule of Ministries February 23rd—26th, 2009
Readers/Eucharistic Ministers/Sacristan

Feb. 23 5:00pm St. Anne Church
Sophie & Jan Bergeron Henry & Elaine Adolph

Feb. 24 7:00am St. Anne Church
Wanda Daigle Irene Landry Wanda Daigle

Feb. 25 ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00 am Assumption
Lynn Landry Joel Ann Dugas

12:00 pm St. Anne Church
Joyce Terrell Kathy Landry Rene Daze Nellie Landry

7:00 pm St. Anne Church
Sophie & Jan Bergeron Joey & Kim Comeaux
Gretchen Smith Hunter Comeaux & Evan Theriot Laure Hebert

Feb. 26 7:30am St. Philomena Church

Feb. 27 5:00pm St. Philomena Church