

# ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9am to 12 noon

## PASTORAL STAFF

*Pastor: Rev. Rojo A. Palatty Koonathan*  
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Deacon: Fred Reed

## OFFICE STAFF

Secretary: Cindy Graham

Bookkeeper: Carmel Fazzio

CCD & SE. Coordinator: Kalli Simmons

## TRUSTEES

Roland Buller

John Perry

## Finance Council:

Harold Taylor

Al Gary

Rodney Robertson

John Cradure

Carleen Cormier

## Pastoral Council:

Frank Martarona

Della Hoffpauir

Michelle Jackson

Ethel Ross

Charlotte Brown

## Building and Renovation Committee

John Cradure

Roland Buller

John Perry

Randy Burleigh

Al Gary



## ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters

KPC Ladies Auxiliary

Ladies Altar Society

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Peter Claver

Rosary Group



## Church Offering

Feb 15.....\$7,355.00

Festival.....\$1,000.00

Camp Karol.....\$1,717.00

Second Collection next weekend:  
Building Fund

## First Sunday of Lent Feb. 22, 2026



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm

### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday: 8am

Monday: - 8am Communion Service

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

30 min. before each Mass

Or by Appointment

Call the office for  
the Sacrament of Baptism,  
Marriage, Anointing of the Sick / Last Rite and  
Communion to the Homebound.

February is dedicated  
to the Holy Family



## This Week in the Parish

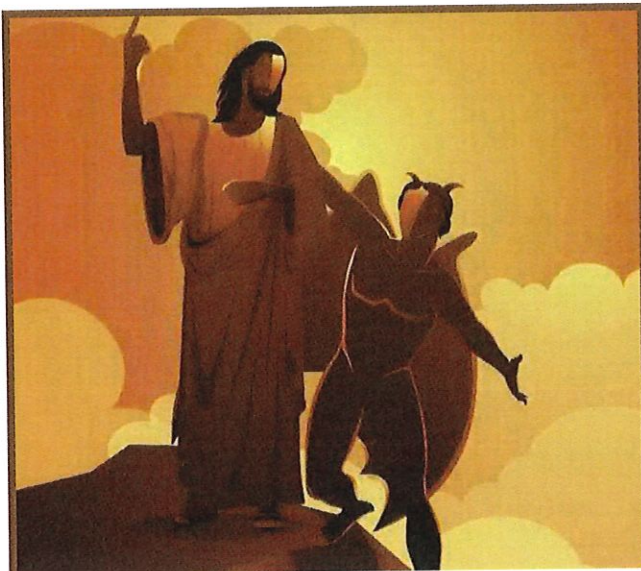
**Wednesday** - CCD continues

**Thursday** -

- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed sacrament from 9am to 6pm
- ◆ Knights of Columbus: "Night of Food, Friendship, and Prayer" at 6pm at the Columbian Club for Men 17 1/2 and older who may be interested in finding out more about the KC's.
- ◆ Bazaar meeting at 6pm in the southside wing of the church

**Friday** -

- ◆ Stations of the Cross after 8am Mass and at 6pm
- ◆ Rosary Group after Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Men's Bible Study at Columbian Club at 6am



### **The Temptation**

The First Sunday of Lent begins with the scene of the temptation of Christ, the opening of the public life of Jesus. The temptation declares in the Gospels in a very forceful manner the great change in our lives that He introduces into the world by His work of redemption. Where Adam fell, Christ triumphs over the power of Satan: at the time of His passion "the prince of this world" will be cast out. The Gospel of the temptation heralds Christ's victory in advance.

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### **Feb 22: First Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7	Psalm 52:1-17
Romans 5:12-19	Matt 4:1-11

M. Lev 19:1-18	Matt 25:3-46
T. Isaiah 55:10-11	Matt 6:7-15
W. Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 11:29-32
T. Esther 9:12-25	Matt 7:7-12
F. Ezekiah 18:21-28	Matt 5:20-26
S. Deut 26:16-19	Matt 5:43-48

#### **Mar 1: Second Sunday of Lent (The Transfiguration)**

Genesis 12:1-4	Psalm 33:4-22
2 Tim 1:8-10	Matt 17:1-9

**Prayer for Priests...** *Oh, Jesus, Eternal Father, look down with love upon Thy priests. Fill them with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners. Keep them within the shelter of Thy Sacred Heart. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their purple lips with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts sealed with the sublime marks of Thy glorious Priesthood. Let Thy holy love protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister on earth be one day their joy and consolation in heaven. Amen.*

## THE 3 PILLARS OF LENT

Catholic Dailies

<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">ALMSGIVING</h3> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Almsgiving is the act of charity and service, showing love and care for those in need. Lent encourages sharing blessings, helping others, and growing in generosity of heart.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">FASTING</h3> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Fasting is a practice that disciplines the body and helps detach from earthly comforts. Fasting reminds us of our dependence on God and creates space for spiritual focus.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">PRAYER</h3> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Prayer is a way to draw closer to God, listen to His voice, and deepen our relationship with Him. This can be through attending Mass, praying the Rosary, or spending quiet time in reflection.</p>
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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Feb 23 - Mar 1

**Mon 8am:** Communion Service **Tues 8am:** Peter Tran van Nam  
**Wed 8am:** Pam Cradure & Peter Tran van Nam **Wed 6pm:** Peter Tran van Nam  
**Thurs 8am:** Peter Tran van Nam **Fri 8am:** Peter Tran van Nam

**Sat 4pm:** Iris Benson, Thomas Hooper/dec. of Hooper & Doucet families, Walter Seasock, Charles Manuel/dec. of Charles & Sue Manuel, Charlie Onxley/dec of Charlie & Donna Onxley, Howard Landry/dec. of Howard and Joann Landry, Eugene Rybicki, Rayford Meche, Don Campbell (BD), special intention, Rylla Smith


**Sun 8am:** Boudreaux/Klein/Wing families

**Sun 10am:** Ann Lyons, Gerald Richard, Jim Boyette, Melanie Godeaux/dec. of Godeaux & Fuselier families, Don Campbell/Campbell, Geheb, & Carpenter families, dec. of Bobby & Mary Cholley/M/M Ray Hollingsworth/Todd Juranka/Snubie Reeves/Kenzie Roden/Aaron Golden/Pat & Monica Gillard, George Ange, Sr., liv. & dec. of Bruette family, dec. of Glenn & Mary McDonald/Hannah Schroeder/M/M John Lunn, Gary Tatum

**Sun 5pm:** Our Parish Family

**Pray for the sick:** Scott Abshire, Elaine Bartell, Paula Bernard, Kathy Borel, Brent Borill, Jared & Kenneth Boudreaux, Calvin Broussard, Nora Broussard, Dyane Bruette, Beth Buller, Kathy Buller, Carys Camel, Dale Claudel, Charlotte Colosky, Marty Comeaux, Glen Cooley, Phoenix Cox, Kathy Cradure, Ruth Daley, Hope Dalton, Curtis Darbonne, Walker & Weston Darnsteadt, Gail Daugherty, Patricia Doucet, Amy Duhon, Hedrick Elliott, Chad & Tony Fazzio, Alvis Fontenot, Herman Fontenot, Jr, Aimee Freeland, Jill Gaines, Buddy & Joyce Glover, Joshia Gray, Emma, Stephen, Vicki, & Tom Griffin, Justin Guidry, Wesley Guillory, Odelia & Earline Hardy, Michael Hennigan, Summer Hicks, Sharon Howell, Jordan Hunsicker, Mary Johnson, Stephen Jordan, Debbie Lacassin, Joyce LeJeune, Frank Martarona, Stella Matthews, Theresa McBride, Jane Neisser, Virginia Newman, Donna Onxley, Enslie Perkins, Patricia Perry, Wayne Pickle, Dan Poss, Dylan Poss, Kerissa Poss, Dax Pressley, Shirley Prewitt, Jammi Racca, Karter Reed, James Richard, Pat Robertson, Kaleb, Colin, & Dominic Romito, Cameron Seal, Tonya Shaw, Justin Simmons, Fay Singer, Avery Spadafora, Katie Richmond Stanley, Jhonna Stutes, Becky Theriot, Kamrie Thomas, John Troquille, Richard and Judy Vail, Virginia Varos, Judy Vidrine, Raleigh Vige, Jr, Wanda Watson, Rick Williams, Brionne Winey, Juliana Young, Joseph Hunsicker, Susan and Theresa Taylor, Lilah Byrd, Sam Smith, II, Shelly Mathews, Dilan McClellan, Evette Ange, Dan/JoAnn Racca, Leonard Boudreaux, Jeff Hunsicker, Kent Ledoux, Gary Lorange, Fr. Mike Schatzle, Mary Duplechain, Shawn Downing, Paul Alley, Barbara Ozane, Davelyn Harris, Steven Thibodeaux, Tony Benard, Annette Leger, David (Moochie) Borel, Wade Malone, Darlene Dinger, Christy Collins, William Trahan, Brant Richard, Hudson Richard, Tonya Duran, Chuck Smith, Kennedy Karg, Caleb Karg, Hadlee Karg, Kameryn Williamson, Brandon Hardesty, Kenny Kyle

**CD News...**  
CCD classes  
each Wednesday



Grades 1&2—3:30-4:30 in the church  
Grades 3&4—3:30-4:30 in KC Hall  
Grades 5&6—4:45-5:45 in the church  
Grades 7&8—4:45-5:45 in the KC Hall  
Grades 9,10,11—6-7:30 in KC Hall

*Let the Children come unto Me.*

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Allen Allemond, Nick Broussard, Spec. Cade Camel, Spec. Caraway, PFC Kelly "KC" Caraway, Jr., CW-3 Greg Chance, Jamie Clausen, Spec. Nick Cline, Jesse Dixson, Shane Fontenot, Ryan Garcia, Pct. Branden Guillory, Sgt. Robert Guillory, Capt. Patrick Hennigan, SSC Chris Jordan, Andrew Kowelewski, Cpl. Aaron Lafleur, Kevin Lavine, II, Gavin Leger, Capt. Scott LeJeune, Cpl. Joseph Malbrough, RCT Karah Nolen, PFC Jett Rodgers, Staff Sgt. Tammy Schreve, Christian Sonnier, Sgt. Damien



**Pray for America!!**



**SAVE  
THE  
DATES**



**St. John Bosco Bazaar**  
*April 25 & 26, 2026*

**Auction Dinner**  
*May 2, 2026*

# Lent



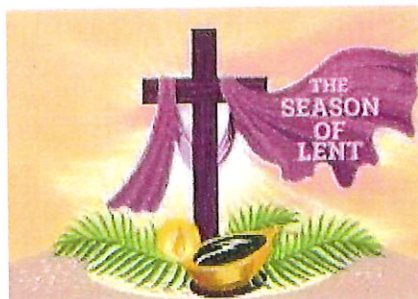
Every Catholic, to enter more deeply into the life of Christ, is to participate in some way in the spiritual and penitential disciplines of Lent. **The regulations for the Catholic Church in the United States are as follows:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals during the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those younger or older are encouraged to voluntarily embrace these disciplines in so far as they are able. Divine and Natural Law holds that all the faithful are morally bound to do penance. The Fourth Precept of the Church obliges Catholics to observe the penance of fasting and abstinence for Lent.

Fridays outside of Lent are also days of penance and spiritual discipline. Abstaining from meat is the traditional way of observing these days of penance. The Bishops of the United States have granted permission for abstinence from meat on Fridays outside of Lent to be replaced with some other self-denial or personal penance. However, Friday remains a day of some penitential practice. As Bishop Provost stated in a recent pastoral letter: "The idea of sacrificing something is countercultural to the 'throwaway' mentality that plagues us today and of which Pope Francis has time and again warned us" (September 3, 2015).

Fasting should never endanger one's health. Avoiding some form of permissible entertainment or performing sacrificial acts of charity, for example, could replace the fasting when health is a consideration.

Finally, with any penitential discipline, both the letter and the spirit are to be maintained. For example, replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with penitential practice. Also, the increasingly popular practice of hosting "crawfish boils" and other entertainments on Good Friday is highly inappropriate. Good Friday remains an extraordinary and solemn day on which we recall the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Good Friday should remain a day of fasting, abstinence, prayer, penance, and interior and exterior quiet.





## **Attention: Men 17 ½ and older of St. John Bosco**

All the men, 17 ½ and older, of St. John Bosco Parish are invited to take part in an evening of Good Food, Brotherhood, Prayer, and answering your questions about the Knights of Columbus. **This event will take place on Thursday February 26, at 6 PM in the Columbian Club (KC Hall) at 1515 Garfield St in Westlake.**

This is not any type of high-pressure sales pitch. It is a friendly opportunity for meeting new Catholic gentlemen, sharing a meal in brotherhood, sharing prayer time as men focused on being the leaders in our Catholic community and of our families, and answering any questions you may have about the Knights of Columbus.

This night of Food, Friendship, and Prayer is a complimentary event being provided by LaSalette Council 5755 of the Knights of Columbus. All you need to bring is your appetite, your prayer intentions, and your questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you.

The men of LaSalette Council 5755