

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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### Office Hours:

Mon.—Thurs.: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm (Vigil)  
**WEEKDAYS:** Mon., Wed.— Fri. :  
8:00 am  
Tues.: 6:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS

### CONFESSION:

1/2 hr. before each weekend mass.

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are held the second Sunday of the month after 11 am Mass. Please call the office to register for the class and/or schedule a baptism.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact Fr. Luke at least six months prior to the desired date. Confirmation of the wedding date must be made by the priest officiating the ceremony.

**FUNERAL:** Please contact Fr. Luke before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Available upon request.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR

**SHUT-IN:** If you cannot attend mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS:

Immediately following 8 am daily mass.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am.

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

First Wednesday of each month, following 8 am Mass until 7 pm.

MARCH 26  
2017

FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
*Lent*

"I CAME INTO THIS WORLD FOR JUDGMENT,  
SO THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE  
MIGHT SEE, AND THOSE WHO DO SEE  
MIGHT BECOME BLIND."  
- JOHN 9:39

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, are committed to establish a safe haven for believers in our community. Having Christ as the center of our worship and being impelled by his teachings:

- We continually grow in ministries that address the needs and concerns of our community.
- We strive to be a vibrant "Christ Centered" spiritual family and experience His love and presence in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving.—St Augustine

### TODAY'S READING

**First Reading** — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, March 25:

4 PM **Jay Kearney (Prosperity); Marie Louise Williams; Shirley Kearney; Edward & Beulah Williams, Sr.; Edward & Lorraine Williams, Jr.; Clinton & Ernie Williams; Charles & Evie Dubrett; Amy Marie Williams; Special Intention; Valentino Molero; The Vicknair Family; Gertie Leidinger; Roy and Marie Palmer; Roy Palmer, Jr.; Marcelle Bonvillain; Gustave "Johnny" Huff; Lloyd Cantrell, Jr.; Wayne "Shaggy" Melerine; Sky Labat**



Sunday, March 26:

9 AM **The Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

11 AM **Reed Henderson; Shirley Mouton; Bess Gray; Sky Labat; George & Eloise Villanueva; Dora Villanueva; Madeline Marrero; Martin Robin, Sr.; Martin Robin, Jr.; Guillotte Family; Pete Becker; William Dean Courtade, Jr.; Gertie Leidinger; Amy Marie Williams; Mason McManus; Walter Delle, III; Nick Tullier & All Law Enforcement Officers**

Monday, March 27: **Marva Prudeaux Parker**

Tuesday, March 28: **All Souls**

Wednesday, March 29: **Josephine Bell**

Thursday, March 30: **Shirley Mouton**

Friday, March 31: **Timmy Alphonso, Jr. (Birthday)**



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Juanita Williams; Kassidy Davis; Andrew Florane; Lynn Reichert; William Clair; Kathleen Barrett; Ava Marie Scaglione; David Hix; Judy Benendi; Nolan Couture; Charles Janet; Daniel Janet; Janet Guidry; Eulice St. Pe; Albert White; Hannah Duhon; Dennis Jeanfreau; Maddux Lemoine; Curtis Morales; Carmen Ramirez; Sidney Evans, Jr.; Faye Hammer; Felix Ruiz;

Martin Gallardo; Diane Gowland; Tammy Sison; Meghan Melancon; Walter Guidry; Robert Couch; Sidney Evans; Shana Silcio; Brielle Silcio; Patricia Besselman; The Schneiders; Donnas Brown; Kenneth Forsyth; Richard Escalade; Baby Ladner; Earl Oguinn; Carolyn LeBlanc; Sarah Watson; Anna Smith; Larry Ronnie Nunez; Benjamin Gunther; Kenny Henderson; Earline Lalla Huster; Patrice Ariatti; Jackie Nunez; Olive Nicolosi; Ursula Repath; Ed Peneguy; Wilton Richard, Jr.; Mary & Charlie Gremillion; Pauline Alphonso; Theresa; Carol Dupre; Roslyn Thomas; Carter Beckwith; Dale Nunez; Ann Nunez; Brogan Burns; Jerry Fahm; Toni Stander Landry; Bonnie Booth; Bernadine Reimonenq; Renee T. Gutierrez; Rene Porche; Avery Brink; Austin Lambert; Daniel Buffington; Theresa Corne; Alan Rossignol; Dennis Bennett; Marietta Planchard; Kaleb Billiot, Jr.; Randy Bolaware; Judy Maloz; Cornelius Dennis, Jr.; Cindy Reynolds; Leo Perez; Lisa Montelongo; Lanny Villanueva; Tudy Nunez; Peggy Schifano; Louis R. Huff, Jr.; Carolyn Alfonso; Dolores (Lolie) Nunez; George (Ching) Lopez; Louis Burns; Ethel Kattengel; Gerald Stephany; Tina Ireland

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

### CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent  
**Friday:** Abstinence  
**Saturday:** First Saturday

### HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 13th—7:00 p.m.**

**(Followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m.)**

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th—3:00 p.m. Solemn Service with Veneration of the Cross**

**(Way of the Cross on the levee begins at 11:30 a.m.)**

**Participants will meet at Archbishop Hannan Blvd.)**

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 15th—Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.**

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 16th—9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp, Marian Candle or St. Joseph Candle burn in honor of a loved one, or for a Special Intention, please contact the office. Thank you.**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF:

**THOSE LOST TO VIOLENCE**

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

**THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES TO VIOLENCE**

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

FOR:

**THE ELDERLY**



We must fast with our whole heart, that is to say, willingly, whole-heartedly, universally and entirely.—St. Francis de Sales

# AROUND OUR PARISH



## CCD CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Mar. 26 (NO CLASS)  
 Monday, Mar. 27 (confirmation class; 7th & 8th grades)  
 Tuesday, Mar. 28 (2nd grade)  
 Wednesday, Mar. 29 (3rd & 4th grades)

## OYSTER FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS BEGIN EARLY!

Every month, the fair committee will ask each family to donate one item to the Oyster Festival. DONATIONS REQUESTED IN MARCH: STYROFOAM PLATES & BOWLS and HEAVY DUTY PAPER PLATES

Please leave your donation in the back of the church.



## NEW READER WORKSHOPS!

All new lectors must attend:  
 April 1 @ 9:00 a.m.—St. John Bosco,  
 2114 Oakmere Drive, Harvey, La.

## BASIC WORKSHOPS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must attend one of the following workshops before delegation by the Archbishop

April 1, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.—Divine Mercy,  
 4337 Sal Lentini Pkwy., Kenner, LA

May 6 @ 9:00 a.m.—North Shore Pastoral Ctr.,  
 (Training Room) 4465 Hwy. 190 Service Rd.,  
 Covington, LA

June 10 @ 9:00 a.m.—Our Lady of the Rosary  
 Church, 3368 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans  
 Class limited to 30 participants



## OLOL ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary Group will meet  
 Tuesday, April 4th, at 10 am.

## ADORATION

Will be on Wednesday, April 5th  
 9 am—7 pm

Please consider spending one hour with Christ.

## PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

Please bring your CLEANED palms to the church no later than Wednesday, April 6th. Thank you.

## OLOL'S LENTEN FISH FRY!

Please support our Lenten Fish Fry which will be held on the following Fridays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.:  
 March 31st and April 3rd



# AROUND OUR PARISH...

## OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed Tuesday morning, March 28th, so that Fr. Luke and the staff can attend a workshop at Notre Dame Seminary.

## GOD'S SPECIAL CHILDREN MASS

All are invited to attend God's Special Children Mass on Sunday, April 9, 2017, at 2:00 PM. This Mass is open to everyone especially individuals with special needs, their families, and friends. Please join us at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA. For more information you may contact Joy Zainey at (504) 834-5865 or visit [www.godsspecialchildren.org](http://www.godsspecialchildren.org).

## CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE IN ALL PARISHES

MARCH 29, 2017 from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
 APRIL 5, 2017 from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

## ANNUAL BORN TO RUN 5K

Woman's New Life Center will host their annual Born to Run 5K on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Runners and walkers across the city will participate in Born to Run and stand as a life-affirming voice for women and their unborn babies. All are invited to participate. For more information, contact [jkeene@womansnewlife.com](mailto:jkeene@womansnewlife.com) or call 504-496-0212.

## \*\*\* THANK YOU \*\*\*

A special thanks to all parishioners who work so diligently behind the scenes to keep our church beautiful and running smoothly!



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*Retreat Center*

## Upcoming Retreats

### March 4 - Day of Prayer

Baton Rouge at St. Jean Vianney  
 How Pope Francis Has Quickly  
 Changed the Face of Catholicism  
*Rev. Msgr. Doug Doussan*

### March 8-10

God's Power Within Us  
*Rev. Paul Hart*

### March 14 - Day of Prayer

Praying with Lenten Spiritual  
 Readings  
*Archbishop Alfred Hughes*

### March 16 9:30am-11:30am

Becoming a Woman of Faith  
 The Genius of Women and  
 the Mission of Men  
*Dorinda Bordlee*

### March 29-31

Role Models: Mentors for  
 Mission and Mercy  
*Rev. Joe Nassal, CPPS*

### Mar 31—April 2 Come Away with Me

Young Women's Retreat  
*Jane Hebert/Yvonne Hymel*

5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006

Call the Retreat Center at (504) 887-1420

See our website [retreats.arch-no.org](http://retreats.arch-no.org) for retreat details

## WE RETURN TO GOD

FROM WHAT HE HAS GIVEN US

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us.

In gratitude, we have returned to Him:

## March 18th & 19th:

Attendance: 357  
 Offertory: \$2899.03  
 Online Giving: \$ 110.00  
 Budget: \$4660.00  
 \$1650.97

Poor Box: \$99.10

*Thank you for your generosity and spirit of caring!*

**Bulletin Deadline:** 3:00 pm, every Thursday (1 wk. Before scheduled bulletin date)