

Bible Quiz # 54
The Book of Judges
(Chapters 16 - 20)

DUE: Tuesday, Feb. 24

FAITH FORMATION


Today is the 1st Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray. When Jesus is tired and hungry, Satan tempts Jesus to use his power to make bread of stones, to jump from great heights, and to become a temporal ruler. Jesus boldly tells the Devil to go away pointing out that Sacred Scripture says to worship God and to serve only God. His lesson tells us all that we can use our Lenten experience to straighten our priorities.

Take some time to discuss some of the difficult decisions you have had to make as an example for your children. Help your children to know what good choices are and share how they can follow Jesus to make good choices.

God Bless! BWM, DRE

Lenten Prayer Calendar 2026

FEBRUARY 18 - APRIL 2

22 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	23 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord. <i>PSALM 19:14</i>	24 If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <i>MATTHEW 6:14</i>	25 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <i>PSALM 51:10</i>
	26 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe. <i>PSALM 138:8</i>	27 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. <i>PSALM 130:5</i>	28 Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! <i>PSALM 119:1</i>

A PRAYER FOR THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT

Heavenly and merciful Father, as I enter this season of Lent, I come before you with a humble and penitent heart. I know I don't live the life you desire for me. I know I sin and don't always follow your path. During this season, cleanse my heart and wash away my sin. Make in me a new heart, full of love for you and a desire to more closely walk in your way. Lead me to daily commit to you and give you my full heart. May this be a season of salvation and new life in you. All this I pray through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER & POSSIBILITIES

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

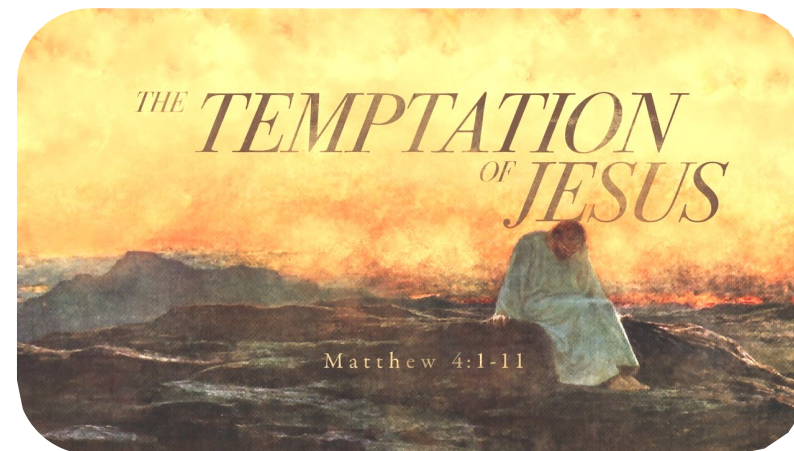
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February 22, 2026



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1st Sunday of Lent



Join us for

Stations OF THE CROSS
Fridays during Lent
5:30 pm

Ladies Altar Society is hosting their annual

Bread & Wine

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LENTEN FRIDAY
FISH FRY
February 20 & 27,
March 6, 13, 20, & 27
\$12.00 5 - 7 pm
BAKE SALE Ladies Altar Society Members will be selling sweets.



St. Bernadette Church Offerings
February 14 - 15, 2026
Offering.....\$4,151.00
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Gather 'Round.
A collection of recipes by the Ladies Altar Society of St. Bernadette Church.
\$10
They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. - Acts 2:46

Gather 'Round will be available for purchase at the KC Fish Fry on Fridays this Lent.

* Also available for purchase during office hours.

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Rev. Thainese Alphonse
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Church & Rectory House Keeper:
Melinda Frederick
Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 12pm

Sacraments
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat. 3:15 - 3:50pm; Sundays & weekdays 20 min. before Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.

Marriage annulment:
Contact the pastor for easy guidance.

Anointing the Sick:
Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:
Wednesday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Schedule of Holy Masses

Weekends:
Saturday - Anticipated Mass - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays:
Tuesday - Friday—12:10 pm

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Monday, Feb. 23rd

12:10 pm

†Souls in Purgatory.

Tuesday, Feb. 24th

12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

Wednesday, Feb. 25th

12:10 pm

†Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, Feb. 26th

12:10 pm

†John Ourso †Danny Peterson

†Don Lasseigne Family.

Friday, Feb. 27th

12:10 pm

†Holy Souls in Purgatory.



Melinda Frederick, Judy Tholen, Jude Duval, Gerald Hotard, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, Daisy Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcemont, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlatve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David, Gert Simoneaux, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach, Barbara Rivet, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker, Brenda Dawson, Mike Reed, Rhodes Family, Jaret Matte, Carl Written, Mary Liles, Jean Derise, Barry Clark, Ross Mire, Ina Miller, Greg Verret, Doug Pillsbury, Aubry "Poochie" Sutton, Paul Wooten, Merian Rock, Carolina Rodrigue, Dwayne Meranta, Ernie Meranta, Darlene Aucoin, David Rossen, Wybra Duay, Stuart Aucoin, Andy Robichaux, Robin Bailey Jeansonne, Crue Hotard, Vanessa Solet, Dawn Spinella, Laila Claire Gardemal, Cynthia Athinson, Logan Gros, Ella Ryker, Special Intentions, Belinda Fabre Lee, Rosa Rosado, Armando Rosado, Glen Cormier, SJ Sampey, Ruby Breaux, Barbara D. Aucoin, Sarah Ford, Carlo Streva, Jr, Danny Barras, Lynn Rose Pete Allen, Lanny Theriot, Jim Turner, Kevin Cothron, Bill Ford, Sr., Lynette Rink, Emily Dupre, John Meir, Sheila Toups, Priscilla Hebert Sampey, EJ Landry, Dr. Keith Comeaux, Brent Driskill, Sharon Rulf Guidry, Wiley Magee, Barbara Cothron, Rhonda Cothron Cook, Cory Spinella Meranta, Layne Aucoin, Steve Bounds, Kate Louviere, V. J. Justilian, and a dear friend.

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min. of Comm.	Altar Servers
Sat. Feb. 28	4:00 pm	Rachel Torres	Catherine Cali	Judy Brannon	
Sun. Mar. 1	7:30 am	Elaine Landry	Jimmy Lemoine	—	Parker Elijah
	10:30 am	Carlo Streva, Jr.	Madeline Guillot	Katherine Sharp	Parker D. Logan Koen

Saturday, February 28th

Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Jim Aloisio †Thomas Rivet, Jr
 †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV †Ray LaHoste, Jr
 †Raymond LaHoste, Sr, †Clarence & Ella Walker
 †Mary Bernard Blanchard †Peggy & Albert Hebert
 †Red & Yvonne Anne Adams †Claire Torres Ingalls
 †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr †Louis & Girlie Berthelot
 †Whalen Kiffe †Gene Bosworth †Alberta LeBlanc
 †Velma & Eldridge Williams †David Stansbury
 †Holy Souls in Purgatory
 †Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, March 1st

7:30 am

†Albert Solet †Luke Guillot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
 †Ruby & Roland Crappell.

10:30 am

†2026 Confirmation Class -
 Isabelle, Chloe, Miles, Parker, & Colin
 †Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins
 †Carlo Streva, Sr. †Holy Souls in Purgatory
 †Don Lasseigne Family †Jessie Lasseigne
 †Ronnie Reed Family - Living & Deceased
 †Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased
 †Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased.

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LENT - A SPIRITUAL SPRINGTIME

All of us long for joy—real joy that lasts. Yet in the reality of daily life, joy is often mixed with struggle. Moments of happiness can be overshadowed by worries, disappointments, family concerns, health challenges, or the pressures of work and responsibility. These experiences are part of being human, but over time they can weigh heavily on our hearts.

Our lives are full of contrasts. We experience love and hurt, hope and fear, strength and weakness, faith and doubt. At times we feel close to God, confident in his presence. At other times we feel distant, distracted, or discouraged. Slowly and often without realizing it, our joy begins to fade.

The good news is this: God has never stopped calling us back. God remains the source of true and lasting joy. When our relationship with him is alive and growing, joy finds a home in our hearts. When that relationship weakens, joy becomes fragile. Lent is God’s loving invitation to renew that relationship and to rediscover the joy that comes from walking closely with him.

Through the prophet Joel, the Lord speaks words meant for each one of us: “Return to me with all your heart” (Joel 2:12). St. Paul reminds us that Lent is “the acceptable time... the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2). Lent is not about waiting for the perfect moment. It is about recognizing that now is the moment God offers us grace.

On Ash Wednesday, we were marked with ashes. Those ashes remind us of our fragility and the passing nature of life. But they also speak of hope. Ashes are not the end of the story. They prepare us for renewal and resurrection. They invite us to humility, honesty, and repentance, so that new life and new joy may take root in our hearts.

In the Gospel, Jesus offers us three simple but powerful Lenten practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (Mt 6:1-18). These are not

burdens or obligations. They are pathways that gently lead us back to God.

Prayer deepens our relationship with the Lord and keeps us rooted in him. It opens our hearts to listen and to trust. Fasting teaches us self-discipline and helps us recognize what truly satisfies us. It reminds us that we do not live by bread alone. Almsgiving opens our hearts to the needs of others and strengthens our sense of compassion and community.

When we fast, what we save can become a gift for someone in need. When we pray, our hearts grow more patient, forgiving, and compassionate. When we give, we reflect the generosity of Christ himself. What matters is not outward appearance, but sincerity of heart.

Lent is also a time for us to grow together as a parish. It calls us to be attentive to one another, especially to those who are struggling or feeling alone. Each small act of kindness, each prayer offered for another, and each effort to forgive strengthens not only our personal faith but the life of our parish community.

Lent is like a spiritual springtime. After the cold and barrenness of winter, spring brings renewal, hope, and growth. In the same way, Lent prepares our hearts for Easter joy. It invites us to let go of what weighs us down and to make space for God’s grace.

As we continue this Lenten journey, let us remember that Lent is not about sadness or fear. It is about returning—returning with trust, humility, and hope. The Lord is not waiting to judge us; he is waiting to welcome us.

May this Lent be a time of renewal for each one of us and for our entire parish family.

In the Service of the Lord,
Fr. Thaisese Alphonse