

Bible Quiz #45

The Book of Exodus (Chapters 21 - 25)

1. What is the punishment for a man who strikes another man a mortal blow?
2. While burning over a field or a vineyard if the man lets the fires spread to another's field, what restitution he has to make?
3. What is the punishment given to a man who wrongs a widow or orphan?
4. What are those three feasts in a year a Jew has to make a pilgrimage to celebrate feasts to God?
5. Whom the Lord will drive out for the Israelites to occupy the land?
6. Why are the Israelites not allowed to make covenant with other gods?
7. What did Moses do at the end of reading the book of the covenant?
8. What was the sign of the glory of the Lord settled upon Mount Sinai?
9. Why did the Lord ask Moses to take a collection from the people?
10. What was the aid/model that God showed Moses to make the Ark and its furnishings?

DUE: Monday, March 24th



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW..."

Will you be that faithful parishioner who steps out from the security of the pew to become actively engaged in the building up of the Body of Christ?

Remember: *God does not ask, "Are you **CAPABLE**?" He asks, "Are you **WILLING**?"*

We are in need of Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers!

Attention all new and current Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion



We will have a mandatory training for all current and new Eucharistic Ministers on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 pm in the church.

Lenten Challenge		
Monday March 10 Read Mark 1:1-20. Meditate on Jesus' call to discipleship.	Tuesday March 11 Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet	Wednesday March 12 Slowly read Psalm 51:1-12. Reflect.
Thursday March 13 Complete an examination of Conscience.	Friday March 14 Attend and pray Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm.	Saturday/Sunday March 15/16 Go to Confession.

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

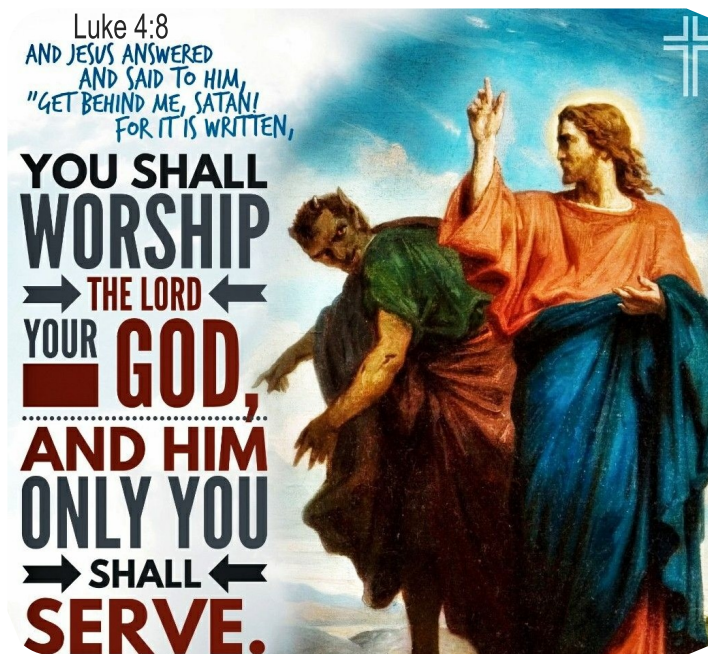
Bayou Vista

March 9, 2025



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1st Sunday of Lent



Holy Mass

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

Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday 12:10 pm

"Lord, help us to see in your Crucifixion and Resurrection an example of how to endure."
 - Mother Teresa



Knights of Columbus
 \$10.00
 5-7 pm
 Friday Fried Fish
 Altar Society Sweet Sale

Pastor
 Rev. Thainese Alphonse
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Parish Staff
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Wed./Thurs. 8:30am - 3:30pm
Church & Rectory House Keeper: Melinda Frederick
Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30am - 12pm
Maintenance: Kim Meranta - *Wednesday*

Sacraments
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Saturday 3:15 - 3:50pm;
 Sundays and weekdays 20 minutes 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 during office hours to schedule an appointment.

Youth Faith Formation:
 Classes begin in Sept. and end in April on Wednesdays.
 Grades Kindergarten - 5th — 3:15pm to 4:30pm
 Grades 6th—Confirmation — 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Become a Eucharistic Minister,
 Lector or Altar Server



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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 11th

12:10 pm
†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

Wednesday, March 12th

12:10 pm
†Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, March 13th

12:10 pm
†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

Friday, March 14th

12:10 pm
†Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Jonathan Delatte, Chris Hardy, Nick Gardemal, Matt Bosworth, Cameron Campos, Matthew S. Landry, Luke Zweigle, Kadin Dinger, Caleb Von Buelow, Bart Von Buelow, Rebecca Rotolo, Jennifer Hebert, Jonathan Jensen, Logan Gros, Liam Guillotte, Elise Buonopane, Alex Mund, Jonah Foreman, Carson LeBlanc.

Together We Pray
Gerald Hotard, AnnaLee Daigle, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, Kenny Guillot, 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., Christie Mayea, Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Benny Castalano, 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, Father Wilber Todd, Doug Pillsbury, Aubry "Poochie" Sutton, Paul Wooten, Merian Rock., Horace Pete, Jr., 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, Seth Hepler, Ella Ryker, Special Intentions, Belinda Fabre Lee, Rosa Rosado, Armando Rosado.

Lenten Mission is this week at St. Joseph Church in Patterson. Monday, March 10 - Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00 pm. Each night starts with Mass.

A Prayer for Lent

Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth.
Strengthen my life by the humble, obedient example of Jesus.
He fulfilled your will by becoming human and suffering with us.
He died so that I would no longer be separated from you.
Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you.

A Lent Talk by Mr. Paul McClean Sunday, March 30th 3:00 pm.

Saturday, March 15th Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm

†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Clarence & Ella Walker †Yvonne Anne Adams †Julia Hernandez †Floyd Verrett †David Stansbury †Velma & Eldridge Williams †Zip Deroche †Thomas Rivet, Jr †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV †Mary Bernard Blanchard †Ray LaHoste, Jr †Raymond LaHoste, Sr †Peggy & Albert Hebert †Holy Souls in Purgatory †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr. †Claire Torres Ingalls †Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, March 16th

7:30 am
†Albert Solet †Luke Gulliot †Maria & Ruben Trevino †Ruby & Roland Crappell

10:30 am
†Rose Lipari †Terry Wiggins †Ruth Wiggins †Carlo Streva, Sr †Alice & Lester Waguespack †Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased †Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased †William "Billy" Kennerson †Kelly A. Dupre, Sr.

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min of Comm.	Altar Servers
Saturday Mar. 15	4:00 pm	Judy Brannon	Catherine Cali	Kathleen Louviere	
Sunday Mar. 16	7:30 am	Kim Meranta	Jimmy Lemoine	-----	Parker L. Elijah
	10:30 am	Jenny Guillot	Cindy Viola	Jenny/Joe	Luke L. Logan Parker Rickey

St. Bernadette Church Offerings March 1-2, 2025

Offering.....\$3,651.00
Insurance.....\$1,369.00
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FAITH FORMATION Gospel Weeklies
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This Sunday's Gospel is the familiar temptation of Jesus by the Devil. Satan tempts Jesus who was led into the desert by the Holy Spirit for forty days. Jesus fasted the entire time, but he did not yield to the false power and glory promised by the Devil. Use this passage to give you and your family strength to face the temptations of every day life.

Have a discussion about the Gospel when Jesus says to not put God to the test. Talk about the history of Israel, and consider making a place and time to pray together as a family during Lent. In addition to praying to avoid temptations as Jesus did in the Gospel reading, pray that the Holy Spirit can help your family prepare for Jesus' great sacrifice and Resurrection.
God Bless! BWM, DRE

A JOYFUL RETURN

Our desire for pure and perpetual joy is one thing, and the actual reality is another. It seldom happens to us that any joy comes so pure as not to be tempered by sorrow. Besides, when pure joy does come, it is very brief, for life batters at its sails. For many of us, life itself is an embodiment of contradictions: love and hatred, strength and weakness, humiliation and glory, truth and falsehood, direction and chaos, life and death. All these are weighing so heavily on us.

Each of us, in some part of life, finds something upsetting that robs us of our joy. However, we believe that, God being the source of perfect joy, the more consistent we are in our closeness with God, the more permanent will be our joy. So Lent invites us to return to God and be reconciled with him in such a way that our relationship with him will remain intimate and lasting.

God appeals to us during this Lent through Joel: "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). The ashes we

used on Ash Wednesday remind us that if we have to rise to new life of pure joy, we have to acknowledge that our relationship with God has not been close enough, and hence the need to return to him with a broken heart. The good deeds such as prayer, fasting and almsgiving that our Lord mentions in the Gospel (Mt 6:1-18) are meant to make us pleasing to God; but they must be undertaken for the right reason. For example, what we save by fasting is to be offered to the hungry as almsgiving. These are Lenten opportunities.

Just as the spring brings a cheer to heart of those who look forward to a time of flowering and growth, so we are invited to approach the season of Lent with a hope of renewal and focus on the opportunities for deepening our relationship with God and thus set our feet firmly on the path to fuller joy.

Let us take efforts to return joyfully to the Lord. In the Service of the Lord.
Fr. Thainese Alphonse

Lent is a time to rid ourselves of habits that are doing little good, or even causing harm, to ourselves and others, and to replace them with habits that are life-giving. Unfortunately, old habits die hard. And contrary to the popular notion that habits can be changed in 21 days, experts tell us that it can take up to a year to change old habits and develop new ones. Lent is 40 days for a reason—holiness is a habit, and habits take time to take hold.

In his book *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business* (Random House), Charles Duhigg explains that when we perform an action for the first time, the brain works very hard to collect all the pertinent information involved and stores the information in the part of the brain called the *basal ganglia*. If we continue to do the same action every day, the basal ganglia fills in the details so the rest of the brain can turn its attention to other things. Eventually, the action can be performed "without thinking." In short, our brains are looking for ways to save effort, and forming habits is the key to achieving this.

Lent is a time to interrupt this habit loop. We need to get our brains "thinking" and not just acting on automatic pilot. To do so, we focus on three actions — "keystone habits" — habits which are so key that when changed they cause a ripple or domino effect in other areas and other habits of our lives. These three keystone habits are, of course, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Lent Reflections WEEK 1
Three keys to making holiness a habit during Lent

Prayer:
One of the best ways to extinguish our old self is to take some time away from words. When our words cease, the ego is neutralized. At the same time, a space opens up into which God can speak instead. The essence of prayer is silence. It also creates a space into which a host of other good and selfless habits can flow.

Fasting:
When babies are hungry, they cry. That's how we are born: obsessed with our own needs. A consumer society perpetuates this infantile state. When we intentionally put the brakes on consuming—whether it be food, drink, sex, or material goods—we are introducing a new habit that challenges the old: We are shifting the focus away from ourselves and our own "needs" and enabling ourselves to be more attuned to the needs of others.

Almsgiving:
During Lent, we increase our generosity toward others, not to earn grace, please God, or draw attention to our own holiness, but to experience grace. Generosity enables us to rise above ourselves and to live, as St. Ignatius of Loyola said, as a person for others.

When these three keystone habits are practiced, a ripple effect of selflessness occurs: We no longer view ourselves as the center of the universe. And that is the beginning of the habit of holiness.