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SAINT AGNES

Catholic Church

749 EAST BOULEVARD / BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

February 11 / 18, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 1st Sunday of Lent

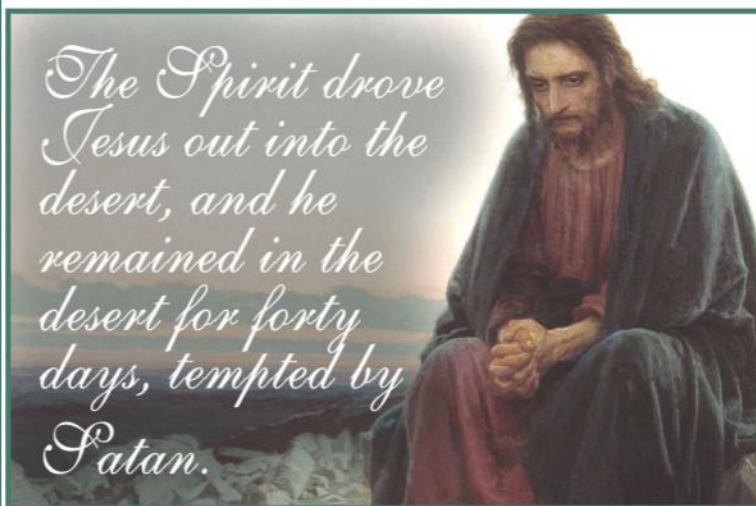
Latin: Quinquagesima Sunday / First Sunday of Lent

Latin Mass Music. Campion Missal: Asperges Me, p. 567.

Missa XI, p. 740 / XVII 762. Credo III, p. 776. Ave Regina Caelorum, p. 951.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL WEEKS THREE & FOUR

The Eucharist is Someone, not something: Our Lord Jesus, fully present here and now! Belief in that doctrine is not enough. Actions must align with belief. *Adoration* of Him is necessary. At Mass, we adore both actively (gesture, vocal prayer, song) and contemplatively (gazing wordlessly upon Him). For nine Sundays, we will pray aloud together the Eucharistic Revival novena prayers on the pamphlet in the pews. We are also encouraged to spend an hour in adoration before Him each week.



As we enter the season of Lent, we are called to reflect on our own temptations and weaknesses. The story of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness is a powerful reminder of the reality of temptation and the importance of relying on God for strength. As Catholics, we have been given a powerful weapon against temptation—the Holy Eucharist. Let us link each of the temptations that Jesus faced in the wilderness with the Holy Eucharist, and see how it can help us overcome temptation in our own lives. The first temptation that Jesus faced was to turn stones into bread. This temptation speaks to our physical hunger and our desire for immediate satisfaction. In the same way, the Holy Eucharist satisfies our spiritual hunger and provides us with the strength to resist temptation. Just as bread nourishes our bodies, the Holy Eucharist nourishes our souls. By receiving the Eucharist, we are filled with the grace of God, and our hunger for worldly pleasures is replaced by a hunger for spiritual fulfillment. The second temptation that Jesus faced

was to throw himself off the pinnacle of the temple, and rely on God's angels to save him. This temptation speaks to our desire for proof and reassurance from God. The Holy Eucharist provides us with the reassurance that God is with us, and that He will always provide for us. When we receive the Eucharist, we are reminded of God's infinite love for us and His promise to always be with us. We are given the strength to trust in His plan for our lives, even when we may not understand it. The third temptation that Jesus faced was to worship Satan in exchange for all the kingdoms of the world. This temptation speaks to our desire for power and control. The Holy Eucharist reminds us that true power comes from faith in God, and not from worldly possessions. Through the Eucharist, we are united with Christ, and we are given the strength to resist the temptations of the world. We are empowered to live lives of selflessness and service, rather than seeking power and control over others. Brothers and sisters, the Holy Eucharist is not just a symbol or a tradition. It is a powerful spiritual weapon against temptation. It gives us the strength to overcome our weaknesses, the reassurance of God's presence in our lives, and the reminder of our true purpose as His children. As we receive the Eucharist during this Lenten season, let us ask God for the strength to resist temptation and to live lives that are pleasing to Him.

Source: Father John Theodore, CSSp., fullycatholic.com.

HOLY MASS

Monday–Friday: 6 am. 5:30 pm in Lent.

Tuesday 5:30 pm is Traditional Latin Mass.

Saturday: 8 am

4 PM (ANTICIPATED)

SUNDAY: 8 AM (ASL), 9:15 AM (LATIN), 11 AM

Monthly Pro-Life Mass: 2nd Tuesday, 5:30 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6 pm Fridays in Lent.

CONFESSION

Monday–Saturday: Before daily Mass

Saturday: 3–3:45 pm Or by appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday–Friday: 9 am–3 pm

SUNG VESPERS, ADORATION, BENEDICTION

Every Sunday in Lent at 5 pm

BAPTISM Contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE Contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISHIONERS
CELEBRATING SPECIAL
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN 2024

Chris & Karen White, 25 years

Jack & Alison Ricau, 50 years

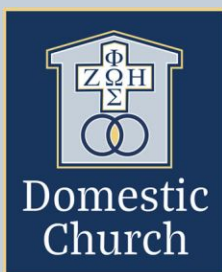
World Marriage Day, February 11

Marriage is to help married people sanctify themselves and others. For this reason they receive a special grace in the sacrament which Jesus instituted. Those who are called to the married state will, with the grace of God, find within their state everything they need to be holy.

St. Josemaría Escrivá

Newly Wed and Newly Registered

In our January 21 bulletin, new parishioners Lisa and Jim Baldridge mentioned that their daughter married here at St. Agnes last September. This is that daughter, Shannon, and her husband, Adam Sales! Shannon has worked for more than fifteen years for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, currently as associate director of catechesis. Years ago, she got to know and enjoy working with Father Brent in the Rachel's Vineyard postabortion ministry. In 2022, Shannon and a friend decided to try to regularly attend the Sunday Latin Mass together, to learn more about it. Shannon was also open to St. Agnes since her parents had been coming for a while. As Divine Providence would have it, that same year Shannon met a high school Latin teacher from Fort Worth on CatholicMatch.com who happened to love the Latin Mass. When the two became engaged, St. Agnes was the clear choice for their wedding and parish home. A bonus: "Our Lady of Prompt Succor had become a big part of our entire courtship," Shannon says, "and we were delighted to learn that St. Agnes is a confraternity of the shrine in New Orleans." Adam says he would love to see the parish "develop an even stronger devotion among its members to the Latin Mass . . . to understand better the unique experience that it offers—especially that the silence and mystery, particularly with the Latin language, are to be embraced rather than feared and avoided." He would also be glad to see St. Agnes help spread that devotion throughout the diocese. The couple noted that going from single to married life has brought a change in their relationship with Jesus, "although I'm still discovering what those changes are and what they mean for me," says Shannon. For Adam, the change has come "by virtue of discovering the joy of marriage and the domestic Church. The beauty and goodness of a Godly wife and home have given me happiness I'd not known as a single man." They see the importance of being solidly grounded in the Church's spiritual and theological teaching related to marriage, whether a veteran couple or junior marrieds. "Serving one's spouse joyfully and prayerfully is a sure path to holiness." Shannon's family has a longstanding tradition of gathering for Sunday dinner, and going to the same parish as her parents means they have even more to discuss and share. "I love it when my parish life blends with my family life like that." Please offer congratulations to the Sales on their marriage, and a hearty welcome to the parish family!



The Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat is for Catholic married couples who want to grow in holiness together as a couple. It provides a renewed experience of marital spirituality and an introduction to Domestic Church formation, and couples new to Domestic Church may choose to take advantage of continued formation after the retreat.

March 1–3

Feliciana Retreat & Conference Center
10274 Hwy 422, Norwood, LA
Contact Angela & Kevin Beyer at
batonrouge@domesticchurchfamilies.com

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program March 8–10 contact Randall and Robin Bellard 225-271-4092 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon (12) 6 am	Private Intention
Tue (13) 6 am	List of the Deceased
(Latin) 5:30 pm	End to Abortion
Wed (14) 6 am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
12 noon	Dan Richey
(Latin) 5:30 pm	Conversion of Sinners
Thu (15) 6 am	Melanie Kling, <i>ad int.</i>
5:30 pm	Vernon Joseph Broussard Jr.
Fri (16) 6 am	Samuel G. Thomas Jr., <i>ad int.</i>
5:30 pm	Gabriel Coleman
Sat (17) 8 am	Autumn LaPorte Guarisco
(Anticipated) 4 pm	Sue Turner,
	Catherine Graphia, <i>ad int.</i>
Sun (18) 8 am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
(Latin) 9:15 am	Vallie Pomaville
11 am	Gregory Kadair Sr.
Mon (19) 6 am	Private Intention
5:30 pm	Laurence DelaRosa, <i>ad int.</i>
Tue (20) 6 am	List of the Deceased
(Latin) 5:30 pm	Elizabeth Boudreaux, <i>ad int.</i>
Wed (21) 6 am	Jordan & Randi Bergeron, <i>ad int.</i> ,
	Herbert Taft, Covington Family, <i>ad int.</i>
5:30 pm	Mirza & Vernon Broussard Sr.
Thu (22) 6 am	Mollie Barbara Helm
(Latin) 5:30 pm	John & Creean Champagne, <i>ad int.</i>
Fri (23) 6 am	Joe & Tana LaPorte
5:30 pm	Bishop Michael Duca, <i>ad int.</i>
Sat (24) 8 am	Marguerite Daigle
(Latin) 10 am	Priestly Vocations for Diocese of BR
(Anticipated) 4 pm	Wendy Keyser, <i>ad int.</i> ,
	Susan Nickel
Sun (25) 8 am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
(Latin) 9:15 am	May Higdon
11 am	Nick & Anna LaPorte

TABERNACLE CANDLES

February 11–17

- In loving memory of **James T. Ellis** (*church*).
- For the intentions of **Leo Murphy Beaugard** (*chapel*).

February 18–24

- In loving memory of the **deceased family members** of **Frank and Ethel Decuir** (*church*).
- For a **special intention**. (*chapel*).

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Monday February 12

- Parish office closed.

Tuesday February 13

- Parish office closed.

- Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, OCB meeting room.

Wednesday February 14

- Men's Holy Hour of Reparation, 8–9 pm, adoration chapel.

Friday February 16

- Altar Society sanctuary cleaning, 9 am. Drop-ins welcome!
- Stations of the Cross, 6 pm.

Saturday February 17

- RCIA, 9 am, OCB meeting room.
- Meditative Prayer Discussion Group, 9 am, OCB 5th-grade classroom. All are welcome!

Sunday February 18

- Sung Vespers, Adoration & Benediction, 5 pm, church.

Monday February 19

- Altar Society meeting, 9:15 am, OCB meeting room.

Tuesday February 20

- Catechism classes, 4–5:15 pm, OCB.
- Troops of St. George, 5:30 pm, OCB meeting room.

Wednesday February 21

- Men's Holy Hour of Reparation, 8–9 pm, adoration chapel.

Friday February 23

- Stations of the Cross, 6 pm.

Saturday February 24

- RCIA, 9 am, OCB meeting room.
- Meditative Prayer Discussion Group, 9 am, OCB 5th-grade classroom. All are welcome!

See the parish website's calendar for all events this month.

Upcoming Dates of Liturgical Note

February 14, Ash Wednesday

Mass & Ashes at 6 am, 12 noon, 5:30 pm (TLM)

All Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross at 6 pm, following 5:30 pm Mass

All Sundays in Lent

Sung Vespers, Adoration, and Benediction at 5 pm

February 22, Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

Mass at 6 am and 5:30 pm (TLM)

February 24, Ember Saturday in Lent

Traditional Latin Mass at 10 am

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Fri, 9am–Noon

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Email: office@stagnesbr.com

(Missionaries of Charity: 225-383-8367)

LENT PRAY FAST GIVE

DAYS OF FAST^{*}

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE⁺

ASH WEDNESDAY & ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT

DAYS OF PENANCE

EVERY MONDAY–SATURDAY IN LENT

*One full meal, and two smaller meals that combined equal less than a full meal. No food between meals. Liquids, including tea, coffee, and juices allowed anytime. Binding on everyone age 18–59.

Expecting or nursing mothers and the infirm are exempt.

+ No meat allowed. Binding on ages 14 and older.



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