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SAINT AGNES

Catholic Church

749 EAST BOULEVARD / BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

Latin: Second Sunday of Lent

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

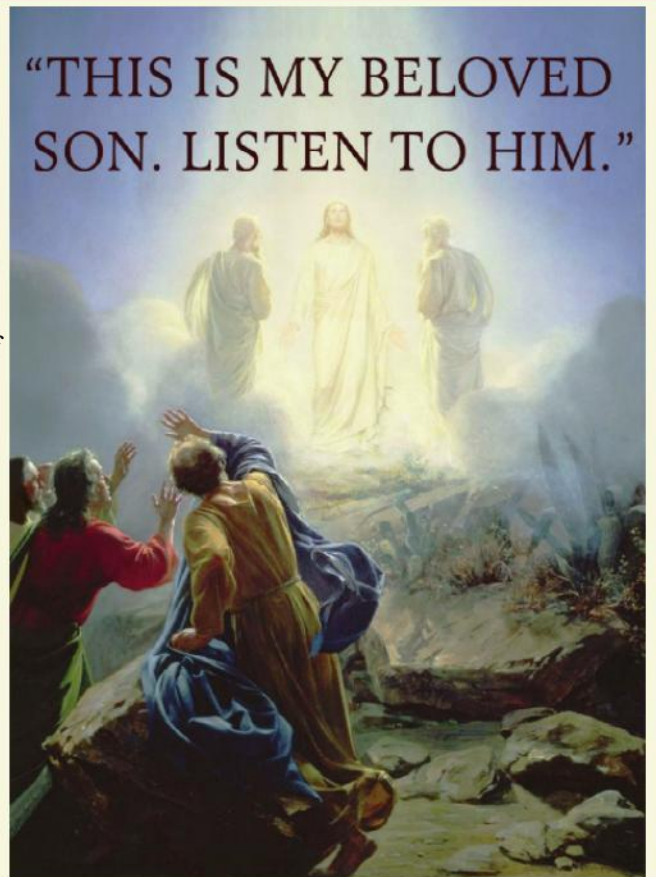
Missal XI, p. 740 / XVII 762. Credo III, p. 776. Ave Regina Caelorum, p. 951.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL WEEK FIVE

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 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.

None of the sacraments would be possible were it not for the Incarnation. The transfiguration of Christ illustrates this mystery in a brilliant way: the uncreated light and glory of the divinity is manifested and communicated through the created medium of the material body of Jesus. The transfiguration therefore tells us: the Incarnation is true, the sacraments are real. . . . As we come to the Holy Eucharist, we come for an experience of transfiguration. Christ Himself, the same Christ that we're celebrating standing on Mt. Tabor shining with the glory of God, is going to enter into the darkness of our own body and soul and He's going to shine from within us, too—if we let Him, if we humbly approach Him and let Him come to us, touch us, speak to us those words of consolation, and call us to a fuller, nobler life, where we can really give ourselves to this universal work of the transfiguration of the whole universe, which we'll see accomplished in the end, and we'll be amazed to see that we had something to do with that, through our faithfulness to God. Let us come to Him now, with joy and gratitude and awe, as if we were standing on that same holy mountain. We should let Him take us into Himself, so we can hear the voice of the Father saying how much He loves us, how much He regards us and accepts us as His sons and daughters. Then we too will walk in that mystery of crucifixion, yet of transfiguration, and ultimately of the glory of resurrection.

Source: icxcmmary.wordpress.com, "Transfiguration and Eucharist," by Father Joseph



"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM."

HOLY MASS

Monday–Friday: 6 am and 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.

The Ordinary of the Mass includes the prayers whose text remains the same at every Mass: the Kyrie, Gloria, Gospel Acclamation, Credo, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Our Father, and Agnus Dei. In recent weeks at St. Agnes, some of the Ordinary has begun to be sung in Greek or Latin at the Sunday 11 am and 4 pm Anticipated Masses. The following excerpt from the Vatican II document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (1963) may help explain why. "The use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites. (36) . . . In Masses which are celebrated with the people, a suitable place may be allotted to their mother tongue. This is to apply in the first place to the readings and 'the common prayer,' but also, as local conditions may warrant, to those parts which pertain to the people, according to the norm laid down in Art. 36 of this Constitution. Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them. (54)" Earlier, in 1962, Pope Saint John XXIII had written in *Veterum Sapientia*, "[The Church] values especially the Greek and Latin languages in which wisdom itself is cloaked, as it were, in a vesture of gold. . . . A primary place must surely be given to that language which had its origins in *Latium*, and later proved so admirable a means for the spreading of Christianity throughout the West. And since in God's special Providence this language united so many nations together under the authority of the Roman Empire—and that for so many centuries—it also became the rightful language of the Apostolic See." Sheets with the prayers being chanted in Greek or Latin at the 4 pm and 11 am Masses may be found in the pews.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™ BATON ROUGE

***St. Agnes Parish Has Adopted
Saturday March 9, from 9 to 11 am.***

**Planned Parenthood
3825 Government Street**

St. Agnes Culture of Life Committee (COLC) and Knights of Columbus (KCs) invite everyone to come out in person and pray peacefully during all or part of the two-hour time slot adopted by our parish for the spring 40 Days for Life campaign. Planned Parenthood regularly does abortion counseling and pays for women to travel out of state to receive abortions. Let us pray that men and women will choose life for their babies and that abortion workers quit. Prayer works! Park across the street at the

Calandro's overflow lot on the corner of Government and Edison. For more information, visit **40daysforlifebr.com**

St. Agnes parishioner Don Caffery has been leading a prayer ministry, called A Better Way, in front of Planned Parenthood for several years now. The COLC joins with Don on the second Saturday of each month to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please look for that event's listing in the bulletin and on the parish calendar, or sign up for the COLC group in Flocknote.



Coming to Baton Rouge movie theaters in March is a powerful epic about Francesca Cabrini and her religious sister companions, Italian immigrants who arrive in New York City in 1889 and are greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Mother Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to

convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and health-care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and frail constitution, the future saint uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen. The film is from the director, producers, and writers of *Sound of Freedom* and stars Cristiana Dell'Anna, Giancarlo Giannini, John Lithgow, and David Morse.

If you know of any good Catholic films or other attractions, such as touring relics, coming to our region, please alert the parish office as early as possible. If there is sufficient interest, we may want to organize a parish community event.

THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT FOR CHILDREN

In the vestibule of the church, our Altar Society has created a special Lenten activity for the children of St. Agnes. Each week children are invited to hang a cross on either the prayer, fasting, or almsgiving tree. The cross represents a sacrifice the child intends to offer that week. A guide is provided for parents to assist their children in choosing the specific penance to be done.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon (26) 6 am	Private Intention
5:30 pm	Janice Miller
Tue (27) 6 am	List of the Deceased
(Latin) 5:30 pm	Fr. Joey Angeles, <i>ad int.</i>
Wed (28) 6 am	Steven & Katie Tanner, <i>ad int.</i> ,
	Frances Locker, <i>ad int.</i> ,
	Debbie Morales Brask, <i>ad int.</i>
5:30 pm	David Womack
Thu (29) 6 am	Katie Tanner, <i>ad int.</i>
5:30 pm	Fr. Brent Maher, <i>ad int.</i>
Fri (1) 6 am	Beverly Scalise, <i>ad int.</i>
5:30 pm	John & Virginia Ellis
Sat (2) 8 am	Fr. Mark Beard
(Anticipated) 4 pm	Frank Mistretta,
	Nicholas F. Cascio II, Souls in Purgatory,
	Alfred & Margaret Bayhi
Sun (3) 8 am	Pro Populo
(Latin) 9:15 am	Barbara Guidry
11 am	Frank & Norma Decuir

TABERNACLE CANDLES

February 25–March 2

- In loving memory of the **deceased family members of Frank and Ethel Decuir** (*church*).
- In loving memory of **Autumn LaPorte Guarisco** (*chapel*).

SECOND COLLECTION

February 25: The Church in Eastern Europe.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sunday February 25

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

Tuesday February 27

- Catechism classes, 4–5:15 pm, OCB.

Wednesday February 28

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

Friday March 1

- Stations of the Cross, 6 pm.

Saturday March 2

- 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.

January Online Donations

General Fund: \$6,411.24 Bldg. Fund: \$1,007.44
Repairs & Replacements: \$2,228.99 PSR: \$683.99

Week of February 12–February 18, 2024

Reg. Collections: \$10,866.73 Bldg. Fund: \$1,256.92
Black & Indian Missions: \$1,210 Other: \$650

Week of February 5–February 11, 2024

Reg. Collections: \$12,782.77 Bldg. Fund: \$2,785
Other: \$1,245

Week of January 29– February 4, 2024

Reg. Collections: \$8,061.91 Bldg. Fund: \$1,501
Church in Latin America: \$60 Other: \$420.48

LENT PRAY FAST GIVE

Every Friday in Lent Is a Day of Abstinence from Meat.
Binding on ages 14 and older.

WEEKDAYS: Mass at 6 am & 5:30 pm

FRIDAYS: Stations of the Cross at 6 pm
A Plenary Indulgence Opportunity!

SUNDAYS: Sung Vespers, Adoration, & Benediction at 5 pm

ALMS FOR MOMS

After all Masses on the weekend of **March 2 & 3**, members of the Culture of Life Committee will accept donations for the Women's Help Center in North Baton Rouge. This collection is part of our parish's effort to assist crisis pregnancy centers in Baton Rouge during the course of the year. If you fast from a particular enjoyment, donate the money saved to the Center, and pray for the Center—you've practiced the 3 pillars of Lent!

Donations must be cash or a check made out to "Women's Help Center."



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Help. Hope. Healing.

thewomenshelpcenter.org

225-359-9001

7515 Scenic Highway

PEWS & PAINTING

We are picking up where we left off in 2020 with re-finishing our church pews. Volunteer help is needed—a perfect opportunity for Lenten giving! Scan the QR code below to access the sign-up sheet, or go to the parish website, under "announcements."



Also, the baseboards in our parish office need a paint touch-up, having taken a beating when the floors were refinished last fall. Scan the QR code below to access the sign-up sheet, or go to the parish website.



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St. Agnes Parish Office Hours

Mon–Thurs, 9am–3pm

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