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SAINT AGNES

Catholic Church

749 EAST BOULEVARD / BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

March 3, 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent

Latin: Third Sunday of Lent

Latin Mass Music. Campion Missal: Asperges Me, p. 567. Missa XVII, p. 762. Credo III, p. 776. Communion, p. 953. Ave Regina Caelorum, p. 951.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL WEEK SIX

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.

By driving the sellers and money-changers out of the temple, Jesus recalls the prophetic words of Zechariah: "there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the Lord of hosts on that day" (Zech 14:21). The Jews who witnessed this dramatic event realized it was a symbolic gesture, and asked for a sign to show He is acting in God's name and power, as a true prophet. Jesus offers a sign that no other prophet could: the Cross and Resurrection. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The meaning of these words will be revealed only at the Resurrection, when the disciples "remembered that He had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken." Jesus' Cross and Resurrection will open a new way to worship God. The place for encountering God will no longer be the temple but the risen and glorified Body of Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, where all mankind is united. A few chapters later in John's gospel, Jesus will tell the Samaritan woman: "believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father ... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him" (Jn 4:21-23). Saint Paul refers to this new form of worship when he says "you are God's temple" (1 Cor 3:16), and above all when he exhorts Christians to offer their bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and acceptable to God (cf. Rom 12:1). In this new "spiritual worship," those united to Christ adore and give glory to the living God.

Source: opusdei.org



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.

HOLY MASS

Monday-Friday: 6 am and 5:30 pm in Lent
Tuesday 5:30 pm is the 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

BLESSED CONCHITA FEAST DAY MARCH 3

Maria Concepcion Cabrera Arias de Armida (1862–1937), known as Blessed Conchita, was the first Mexican laywoman to be beatified (in Mexico City on May 4, 2019). She was a wife, mother of nine children, widow, grandmother, and foundress of a religious community for women and another for men. She experienced supernatural graces at a very early age, spending much time in prayer and displaying a strong love for the Holy Eucharist as a child. She gave her heart completely to Jesus, yet it was revealed to her that



sacramental marriage and spiritual nuptials with Jesus are compatible. “To me courtship never bothered me in the sense that dating somehow impeded my spiritual life by making me less focused on God. I

found it so easy to join both together.” She and her husband had a busy household, filled with family and friends. Conchita was a typical wife and mother, except with a very rich inner spiritual life. At the young age of 39 she became a widow, her youngest child only two years old. In a locution, Our Lord said to her, “Ask Me for a long-suffering life and to write a lot. . . . that is your mission on earth.” After that she experienced many penances, some extreme. She endured the sufferings brought with the Mexican Revolution from 1910 to 1921. Her writings, which reflect an incredible tranquility despite the chaos surrounding her, include 46 books and 66 diary

volumes, approaching the religious writings of St. Thomas Aquinas in quantity. Kathleen Beckman, author of *Beautiful Holiness: A Spiritual Journey with Blessed Conchita to the Heart of Jesus*, spoke at St. Agnes in January on the wisdom of Blessed Conchita. A recording of that talk may be viewed on the parish’s YouTube channel, accessible through the parish website, or directly at youtube.com/@st.agnescatholicchurch-bat5338

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

If devotion to Joseph is so important, it may be asked, why did it not flourish in the Church until more recent times? The only answer that can be given to this question is that in the providence of God it was necessary for Joseph to remain in obscurity in order to protect the mystery of the Incarnation and the virginity of Mary. In the eyes of God “a thousand years is like a day,” and we are becoming increasingly aware that God’s providence always brings to full flowering in the Church the devotions relevant to a particular time. God also inspires the Church to define a certain dogma of the faith at the particular moment in history when it is most helpful to the faithful. Obviously the definition of the Assumption of Mary did not become a revealed truth in 1950 with the solemn definition of Pope Pius XII; this truth has been the Church’s from the beginning. But in the providence of God this definition was reserved to our age because of its special aptness to the times in which we live. Thus with devotion to Saint Joseph: it is a powerful antidote to many of the moral dangers of this age. Stirred by the workings of divine grace, the Holy Spirit has granted the people of God the inspiration and enlightenment necessary to discover in the person of Joseph a cure for the problems that afflict them. Among these problems can be mentioned: failure of men to accept the role of leadership in their homes; neglect of spirituality in marriage; lack of sanctification of labor by the working man; a general weakening of esteem for the practice of religion and virtue, especially purity.

Source: ewtn.com, “St. Joseph: A Theological Introduction,” by Fr. Michael D. Griffin, O.C.D.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™ BATON ROUGE

Saturday March 9, from 9 to 11 am
Planned Parenthood, 3825 Government Street

St. Agnes Culture of Life Committee and Knights of Columbus invite everyone to come out and pray peacefully during all or part of the two-hours adopted by our parish for the spring 40 Days for Life campaign. Prayer works! Park across the street at the Calandro’s overflow lot on the corner of Government and Edison.

Help Your Children Prepare for Easter!

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.

Visit the Eucharistic miracle posters in the vestibule this month to learn about the conversion of 20th century writer and atheist André Frossard, and about the French invalid Marthe Robin (1902–1981), whose life of intense suffering centered entirely on the Eucharist.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon (4) 6 am	Private Intention
5:30 pm	Erica Scalise, <i>ad int.</i>
Tue (5) 6 am	List of the Deceased
(Latin) 5:30 pm	Silvana Primo, <i>ad int.</i>
Wed (6) 6 am	Shannon & Adam Sales, <i>ad int.</i> , Durwood Hebert, Nicholas Eirich, Special Intention
5:30 pm	Samuel G. Thomas Jr., <i>ad int.</i>
Thu (7) 6 am	Lillian Pachota
5:30 pm	Raymond Lazaro
Fri (8) 6 am	Barbara Mahoney Helm, <i>ad int.</i>
5:30 pm	Jim & Traci Schott, <i>ad int.</i>
Sat (9) 8 am	Larry Bieser & Family, <i>ad int.</i>
(Anticipated) 4 pm	Jerome Morales Sr., <i>ad int.</i> , Emile C. Rolfs Jr., Sue Turner, Leo Murphy Beauregard, <i>ad int.</i>
Sun (10) 8 am	Pro Populo
(Latin) 9:15 am	Allen & Lucy Kliebert Sr.
11 am	Dorothy Baronet

TABERNACLE CANDLES

March 3–9

- In loving memory of **Tim Corkran** (*church*).
- For a **special intention** (*chapel*).

SECOND COLLECTION

March 3: Catholic Relief Services.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sunday March 3

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

Monday March 4

- First Monday Liturgy of the Hours Devotion, after 6 am Mass.
- Pastoral Council, 5:30 pm, OCB meeting room.

Tuesday March 5

- Catechism classes, 4–5:15 pm, OCB.

Wednesday March 6

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

Thursday March 7

- Food Pantry monthly distribution, 8 am, gym.

Friday March 8

- Fast for a culture of life! Make a special sacrifice today.
- Stations of the Cross, 6 pm.

Saturday March 9

- St. Agnes Parish prays at 40 Days for Life, 9–11 am, Planned Parenthood, 3825 Government Street.
- 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.

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 10

SPRING FORWARD!

MOVE CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

Week of February 19– February 25, 2024

Reg. Collections: \$7,178.16 Bldg. Fund: \$1,121
Church in Eastern Europe: \$1,020 Other: \$130

LENT

PRAY

MONDAY–FRIDAY MASSES at 6 am & 5:30 pm

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6 pm

A Plenary Indulgence Opportunity!

SUNDAY SUNG VESPERS at 5 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL Mon–Fri, 10 am to 3 pm

FAST

FRIDAYS Abstain from Meat.

Binding on ages 14 and older.

MON–SAT Penance in some form is mandatory.

GIVE

ALMS for MOMS

March 2 & 3 after all Masses. Cash or check made out to “Women’s Help Center” accepted. All money donated goes to this North Baton Rouge crisis pregnancy center. Thank you for being generous!

PEWS & PAINTING

Volunteers needed to refinish the church’s pews and to do light painting in the parish office. To sign up, please scan codes below or go to parish website.



PEWS



PAINTING

FOOD DONATIONS for the HOMELESS

Items below are urgently needed. Please place them in the wooden chest beside Our Lady’s altar. Please make sure any canned item has a pull tab so it can be opened easily.

Vienna Sausage

Pop-Tarts

Pork & Beans

Saltine Crackers

Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers

Canned Peaches

Peanut Butter

Canned Soup (vegetable, chicken, or beef)

CAR MECHANIC SKILLS

Seeking help to get our parish bus operating again for use. Please call the parish office if you can assist.

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prayer line: stagnesprays@yahoo.com

St. Agnes Parish Office Hours

Mon–Thurs, 9am–3pm

Fri, 9am–Noon

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