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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 14, 2021**

### MASSES

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 4:00PM

**SUNDAY:** 8:00AM & 10:30AM

**WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL**

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM  
(ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM  
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK &  
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY:** 3:00-3:45 PM

**SUNDAY:** 7:15 - 7:45AM  
9:45-10:15 AM

**OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT**

### ADORATION

**TUESDAY:** 8:00AM-6:00PM

**FRIDAY:** 8:30AM-9:30 AM  
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

**LAURA E. RHODE, SECRETARY**

God did not send his Son into the world  
to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

## Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel speaks about Jesus encounter with Nicodemus. Only John mentions about this distinguished Pharisee and a member of Sanhedrin. He asked Jesus "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him."

Jesus explains to him God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for mankind is so great.

The people of Israel on their journey through the wilderness, murmured and complained, regretting that they had ever left Egypt. To punish them, God sent a plague of deadly serpents (Nm 21:1-9). In the desert, many Israelites had fallen victims of these poisonous snakes. When the people cried for mercy, God instructed Moses to make an image of a serpent and "mount it on a pole, and everyone who has been bitten will look at it and recover" (Nm 21:8).

The Israelites were healed not because they looked at the image of snake, but because they raised their hearts to God. They repented over rejecting God and murmuring against the plan of God. They agreed to obey the commandments of God given through Moses. But it was the Lord who saved, not the image of bronze serpent. The Book of Wisdom says "For the one who turned toward it was saved, not by what was seen, but by you, the savior of all" (Wis 16:7).

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" because he carried with him the burden of the sins of the world. When humans turn their thoughts to their crucified Savior and believe in him, they too will find eternal life. It is the law of nature that without cross, there cannot be a crown.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

## Today's Readings

### First Reading (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 (32B))

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5,6)

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

**R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

### Second Reading (Ephesians 2:4-10)

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved — raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

### Gospel (John 3:14-21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

## Catholic Sharing Appeal

The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 8 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese. We are also blessed to have 18 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi. Your gift to the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. Will you please consider a generous gift to the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal in support of our future and retired priests? Your generous gift of prayer and financial resources ensures that we will continue to help in "Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us." Pledge envelopes are in the back of the church. Thank You!



### Lenten Retreat

**March 22, 23 & 24  
2021**

Wednesday- Confession

### Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 8:30am (Chapel)  
Friday 6:00pm (Church)



Frances Adams	Patsy Ladner
Michael & Toddy Arceneaux	Verna Mae Ladner
Ralph Baldwin	Larry Lind
Nelsie & Johnny Banks	Walter Lonnbour
Emilee Battaglia	James Lovett
Marge Blaisdell	Layla Mallett
Gene Breazeale	Woody Mauffray
Ida Brown	Charles Meador
Claud Burk &	Kathleen Micell
Linda Burke	Barbara Moran
Michael Girdinia	Mary Louise &
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa,	Sonny Moran
JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo	Warren Moran
Margaret Cuevas	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
Howard Edwards	Shirley Morris
Peggy Glynn	Patrick Murphy
Christine Greenwood	Bernadine Necaize
Merle Haas	Janet Necaize
Verna Haas	Tyrone & Faye Necaize
Jennie Hoda	Christopher Nugent
Wayne Hoda	Joy Patin
Amanda Jones	Joan Rhode
June Kenney	Brooke Rolison
Mary Kenney	Tina Roundtree
Donald Koenn	Karrie Schultz
Shelly Koenn	Jerry Shavers
Barbara Ladner	Mike Shubert
Shelia Ladner	Timothy Scott Steen
Willard & Cecile Ladner	Maura Strong
	Josie Thomas
	Denise Walker
	Shaylynn Whitfield



**Welcome to the  
Coffee Shop  
Sundays after 8am Mass,  
in the Parish Hall.**

### K. C. Baby Bottles

Pick up a bottle in the vestibule and put your spare change in it, return it to the Church.



### Special Collection

(3-21-2021)

### Catholic Relief Services

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wed:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thurs:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

### Remember to bring in your Claiborne Hill Receipts.

**Thank You and  
Keep up the good work.**

#### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

Amir Darwis	US Army National Guard
Drew Ladner	US Marine
Darrell Little	US Army
Devin Nelson	US Army
Brandan Witt	USAF
Evan Cameron	USAF
Dillon Lacoste	US Navy
Lance Cuevas	USAF

*Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior.  
Amen.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 13**  
4pm - Buck Fayard †

**Sunday, March 14**  
8:00am—Parishioners  
10:30am – John & Nicole Necaize †  
Teddy & Shirley Morel †  
Joel & Peggy Cooley †  
All Deceased Family Members

**Monday, March 15**  
8:00am – Eva Gay Cuevas †

**Tuesday, March 16**  
8:00am – Francis Adams

**Wednesday, March 17**  
8:00am - Otis Gilmore †

**Thursday, March 18**  
8:00am-

**Friday, March 19**  
8:00am - Willard & Cecile Ladner



If you are unable to come in the Church, sit in the parking lot and listen to our Broadcasting on **91.1 Fm.**

You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have

### Financial News

Insurance	\$42,034.01
Diocesan Support	\$23,058.96
School Supplement	\$23,536.83
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$140,879.28
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$229,509.08
Amount needed each Week	\$4,413.63
Last Sunday Collection	\$3,937.47
Shortfall	\$476.16

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