Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is the season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

- Ash Wednesday Services
- The Light is ON for You!
- Penance Services
- Novenas
- Adoration
- Reflections
- Stations of the Cross
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- Liturgy of the Hour
- Concerts
- Passion Plays

Diocesan Lenten Regulations
- Meatless Fridays
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Psalms 51:1

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

February 5, 2016 LENT 2016 The Catholic Commentator
Lenten regulations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge

As per the Pagella Policies of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, as in the rest of the church in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound by a grave obligation to observe a solemn fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday as well. These norms have been established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in accord with the norms of canons 1249-1253 in the revised Code of Canon Law of 1983.

To fast means to consume only one full meal a day at most, although taking of other smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink “between meals” (excepting only water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days. To abstain from meat means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork or poultry at least, although not necessarily eggs, milk products or meat broths, or condiments made from animal fat. The consumption of fish, shellfish and reptiles is permitted if desired.

Beyond the mandatory days listed above, abstinence from meat on every Friday throughout the year which is not a solemnity and fasting on all Lenten weekdays (especially Wednesdays and Fridays), and on Holy Saturday, is strongly recommended to all the faithful.

There always remains, of course, the grave obligation to participate at Holy Mass on all Sundays and days of obligation. Each in his or her own way, every Christian is bound to do some kind of penance for his or her own challenges to prayer, fasting and almsgiving are paramount.

Clergy (priests and deacons) who have legitimate residence and active ministry within the Diocese of Baton Rouge have been delegated the power to dispense the faithful of the diocese, in individual cases and for a just reason, from the obligation to observe a particular day of penance, or to commute some or all of its obligations to other pious works. Included in this is the faculty to dispense from the Lenten obligations to fast and abstain from meat. Yet the obligation to do some kind of penance remains a serious one, and will not be taken lightly by a good Catholic.

Feb. 10, Ash Wednesday Services

St. Joseph Church
255 N. Eighth St., Ponchatoula
8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Terri Albert 985-386-3749

Mater Dolorosa Church
609 Third St., Independence
8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

St. Dominic Chapel
55720 LA Hwy. 445, Husser
6 p.m.
Joyce Paille 985-878-9639

Our Lady of Mercy Church
445 Marquette Ave., Baton Rouge
6:30 & 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Deacon Richard Grant 225-926-1883

St. Thomas More Church
11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge
6 & 9 a.m., noon, 6 p.m.
Parish office 225-275-3940

St. Joseph Cathedral
401 Main St., Baton Rouge
7 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.
Sheila Juneau 225-387-5928

St. Alphonsus Liguori Church
14040 Greenwell Springs Road, Greenwell Springs
6 & 8:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church
402 S. Kirkland, Brusly
8 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m.

Holy Family Church
390 N. Jefferson Ave., Port Allen
Noon – distribution of ashes only
6 p.m. Mass with ashes
Church office 225-393-1838

Our Lady of Peace Church
13281 Hwy. 644, Vacherie
6 a.m., noon, 6:30 p.m.
Pamela Polse 225-265-3953 ext. 13

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel
3147 Church St., Jackson
Noon

Sharon 225-635-3630

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
11485 Ferdinand St., St. Francisville
6 p.m.
Sharon 225-635-3630

Our Lady of Pompeii Church
14450 Hwy 442 West, Tickfaw
6 p.m.
Deacon Al Levy 985-345-8957

St. Patrick Church
12424 Brogdon Lane, Baton Rouge
6:30 a.m., noon, 6:30 p.m.
Sharon Upton 225-753-5750

Immaculate Conception Church
865 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs
8:30 a.m., noon, 5 & 7 p.m.
Church office 225-665-5359

St. Joseph Church
76940 Gum St., Grosse Tete
8:30 a.m.
Margie Spina 225-625-2438

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
11140 LA Hwy. 77, Maringouin
6 p.m.
Margie Spina 225-625-2438

St. Catherine of Siena Chapel
4324 N. Railroad Ave., Fordorche
Noon
Margie Spina 225-625-2438

St. Mark Church
42021 Hwy. 621, Gonzales
6:30 p.m.
Margie Spina 225-625-2438

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
2250 Main St., Baton Rouge
Noon, 6 p.m.
Parish office 225-387-6671

St. Paul th Apostle Church
3912 Gus Young Ave., Baton Rouge
6 p.m.
Church office 225-383-2573

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Stations of the Cross date, times set for Lent 2016

Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11 & 18
Immaculate Conception Church
865 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs
After 6 p.m. Mass; March 11 before 7 p.m. Mass
225-665-5359

Mater Dolorosa Church
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6 p.m.
Joyce Paille 985-878-963

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Deacon Richard Grant 225-926-1883

St. Patrick Church
12442 Brogdon Lane, Baton Rouge
After 6 p.m. Mass
Yvette Caillouet 225-753-5750

St. Joseph Church
253 N. Eighth St., Ponchatoula
1:45 & 6 p.m.
Terri Albert 985-386-3749

Sts. Anthony of Padua and Le Van Phung Church
2305 Choctaw Drive, Baton Rouge
4:30 p.m. (English in chapel)
7 p.m. (Vietnamese in church)
225-357-4800

St. John the Evangelist Church
37805 Main St., Plaquemine
Noon and after 6 p.m. Mass
Church office 225-383-1838

St. Francis of Assisi Church
818 W. Tenth St., Donaldsonville
6 – 7 p.m.
Donations accepted

St. Jean Vianney Church
16166 S. Harrells Ferry Road, Baton Rouge
6 p.m.
Church office 225-753-7950

St. Gabriel Church
3625 Highway 75, St. Gabriel
6 p.m.
Myra 225-642-8441

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Parish office 225-383-1838

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Margie Spina 225-625-2438

St. Catherine of Siena Chapel
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After 8:30 a.m. Mass
Margie Spina 225-625-2438

St. Joseph Church
42021 Hwy. 621, Gonzales
6 – 7:30 p.m.
Donation – almsgiving
Includes Soup ‘N Sacrifice: Three Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving
Proceeds for the St. Mark Emergency Assistance Program
Robin Richardson 225-647-8461

St. Paul th Apostle Church
3912 Gus Young Ave., Baton Rouge
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Church office 225-383-2537

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Spiritual renewal opportunities in the Diocese of Baton Rouge

Feb. 12 – 14
Lenten Retreat: Year of Mercy – Jesus Healer of Body and Soul
Our Lady of the Way Spiritual Life Center
50352 Antioch Road, Tickfaw
Presenter: Father Martin Scott
Register: ourladyoftheway.org
Offering is $175.00
985-402-3095

Feb. 14, 15, 16 & 17
Lenten Mission: Four People in Scripture Who Have Impacted My Life the Most
St. Louis King of France Church
2121 N. Sherwood Forest, Baton Rouge
7 p.m.
Presenter: Father Trey Nelson
Parish office 225-275-7280

Feb. 16
Lenten Speaker
St. Aloysius Church
401 Main St., Baton Rouge
After 6 p.m. light supper in parish hall
Presenter: Father Whitney Miller

Feb. 16, 18, 20, 22, 24
“One Book, One Church” Faith Sharing
St. Joseph Cathedral
401 Main St., Baton Rouge
6 – 7 p.m.
Sheila Juneau 225-387-5928

Feb. 17
Hour of Mercy Lenten Reflections – Introduction to Mercy and the Hour of Mercy Series
St. Agnes Church
749 East Blvd., Baton Rouge
6:35 – 7:30 p.m.
Presenter: Msgr. Robert H. Berggreen
Kenneth Champagne 225-752-4412
Sister Rose Day of Prayer – The Cross: A Path to Newness
Rosaryville Spirituality Center
39003 Rosaryville Road, Ponchatoula
9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
$35
Talk, discussion, reflection, Mass
Stephanie Coutre Davis 225-284-5039

Feb. 18
Lenten Revival – This Means War (Ephesians 6:11 & 12, Deuteronomy 20:1)
St. Benedict the Moor Church
5479 Hwy. 1, Napoleonville
6:15 p.m.
Presenter: Father Donald Eruaga of Chicago; music by St. Benedict Inspiration Choir
Jerry Williams 985-513-2528

Feb. 19
Taize Lenten Prayer Around the Cross
St. Thomas More Church
11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge
7 – 8 p.m.
Parish office 225-275-3940
Lenten Evening Prayer
St. Jean Vianney Church
16166 S. Harrells Ferry Rd., Baton Rouge
7 – 8 p.m.
Church office 225-753-7950

Feb. 20
Hour of Mercy Lenten Reflections – God’s Mercy Revealed in the Bible
St. Agnes Church
749 East Blvd., Baton Rouge
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Presenter: Stephen J. Binz, Catholic biblical scholar, licensed clinical social worker, speaker and award-winning author.
Kenneth Champagne 225-752-4412

Feb. 22 & 23
Lenten Revival – This Means War (Ephesians 6:11 & 12, Deuteronomy 20:1)
St. Benedict the Moor Church
5479 Hwy. 1, Napoleonville
6:15 p.m.
Presenter: Father Donald Erugga of Chicago; music by St. Benedict Inspiration Choir
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Feb. 23
Lenten Evening Prayer
St. Jean Vianney Church
16166 S. Harrells Ferry Rd., Baton Rouge
7 – 8 p.m.
Church office 225-753-7950

Feb. 25
Lenten Night of Worship
St. Joseph Church
255 N. Eighth St., Ponchatoula
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Presenters: Rita West and John Finch, for people of all ages and all faiths
Terri Albert 985-386-3749

Feb. 26
Lenten Speaker
St. Joseph Church
255 N. Eighth St., Ponchatoula
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Presenter: Father Frank Pavone
Terri Albert 985-386-3749

Shroud Encounter: The Day the Shroud foiled Hitler and the 7 Secrets of the Shroud
Sacred Heart Church
2250 Main St., Baton Rouge
6 – 8 p.m.
Russ Breault will discuss why Hitler was obsessed with sacred relics
Deacon David Dawson 225-387-6671

Feb. 29, March 1 & 2
Lenten Mission
St. Gabriel Church
3625 Hwy. 75, St. Gabriel
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Myra 225-642-8441

March 1
Fourth Cup
Rosaryville Spirituality Center
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St. Joseph Hospice is the only agency in Louisiana chosen by Medicare to take part in a new model, effective January 1, allowing qualified Medicare members to receive services by hospice while continuing curative medical treatment.

The St. Joseph Palliative Choices Model team:
- helps you manage your treatments and appointments.
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- coordinate communication with your physicians.
- helps to control pain, breathing difficulties and other symptoms.
- gives you and your loved ones extra support so you focus on feeling better.

The St. Joseph Palliative Choices Model can help those with cancer, congestive heart failure, COPD or HIV/AIDS improve quality of life, while providing comfort and peace of mind. Services are covered by Medicare and there are NO copays or deductibles for services provided by the St. Joseph Palliative Choices Model team.

*CMS: Medicare Care Choices Model (MCCM) https://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-sheets/2015-Fact-sheets-items/
March 2
Hour of Mercy Lenten Reflections – Jesus, Gift of Divine Mercy in the Liturgy and in the Sacraments
St. Agnes Church
749 East Blvd., Baton Rouge
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Presenter: Father Michael H. Champagne, KJC
Community of Jesus Crucified
Kenneth Champagne 225-752-4412

March 6
Lenten Morning Retreat – Jesus, the Face of Mercy
St. Jean Vianney Church
16566 S. Harrells Ferry Rd., Baton Rouge
9 – 10:30 a.m.
Presenter: Beck Eldridge
Church office 225-753-7950

March 7 & 8
Lenten Mission
St. John the Baptist
402 S. Kirkland, Brusly
7 – 8 p.m.
Presenter: Father Mark Toups

March 8
Taize Prayer
Rosaryville Spirituality Center
Rosaryville Chapel
39003 Rosaryville Road, Ponchatoula
7 p.m.
Stephanie Cloutre Davis 225-294-5039

March 9
Hour of Mercy Lenten Reflections – Forgiveness in the Family and Becoming a Witness to Mercy
St. Agnes Church
749 East Blvd., Baton Rouge
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Presenters: James and Karen Broussard, retreat rectors of Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center
Kenneth Champagne 225-752-4412

March 12
Gentle Hands Ministry Retreat
St. Aloysius Church Parish Hall
2025 Stuart Ave., Baton Rouge
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Open to all denominations and faiths
Retreat for those who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth or the loss of a child.

March 13
Concert and Music
St. Agnes Church
749 East Blvd, Baton Rouge
4 – 5 p.m.
Cost: $20 per person
Kitty Blanchard 225-383-4127

March 14 – 16
Lenten Parish Mission
Immaculate Conception Church
865 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs
7 p.m.
Presenter: Dr. Marcellino D’Ambrosio
Office 225-665-5339

March 16
Hour of Mercy Lenten Reflections – Identifying and Addressing the Psychological Barriers to Trust
St. Agnes Church
749 East Blvd., Baton Rouge
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Kenneth Champagne 225-752-4412

March 19
A Day of Prayer – Knowing God’s Will: The Practice of Discernment
Rosaryville Spirituality Center
39003 Rosaryville Road, Ponchatoula
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
$50
Presenter: Father Albert Haase OFM, a renowned spiritual writer and retreat facilitator
Stephanie Cloutre Davis 225-294-5039

March 20
Live Dramatization of the Leonardo da Vinci painting “The Last Supper Performance”
Our Lady of Pompeii Church
14450 Hwy. 442, Tickfaw
7 p.m.
Donations are accepted
Reception to follow in the Pompeii Hall with a light meal
Deacon Al Levy 985-345-8957

Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools Office
Principal Opening 2016-17 School Year
Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School
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The Diocese of Baton Rouge has thirty schools in eight civil parishes, with strong Catholic identity the focus in all schools. The district is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and standardized test scores are above state and national averages.

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Most Blessed Sacrament School was founded in 1979 and currently serves 509 students in Grades K – 8. With 25 professional staff members, the school’s mission is to minister to the educational needs of parish families by providing a teaching atmosphere which promotes Gospel values and academic excellence for all students. The Diocese of Baton Rouge Program for Exceptional Students operates a dyslexia lab on campus. The school received national recognition as a Blue Ribbon School in 2013 and has recently completed the self-study process for re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (AdvancED). Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Practicing Catholic Required
2. Minimum of 5 years of Experience in Catholic Schools Preferred
3. Demonstrated Leadership Ability, Preferably in Catholic Education
4. Must meet LA State Dept. of Education Requirements as Non-Public Administrator
5. Must be Available on or before July 1, 2016

Mail resume, copies of all college transcript(s) showing degrees, and three letters of recommendation to
Most Blessed Sacrament Principal Search
Catholic Schools Office
P.O. Box 2028
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2028

Deadline for application: February 29, 2016

The schools of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.
**The Light is ON For You and penance times scheduled**

Feb. 6 – March 22
(Monday – Friday only)
St. Joseph Cathedral
401 Main St., Baton Rouge
6 – 7 p.m.;
March 21: 11:15 a.m. – noon
Sheila Juneau 225-387-5928

Feb. 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16
St. John the Baptist Church
402 S. Kirkland, Brusly
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Church office 225-687-2402

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Feb. 25
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
11483 Ferdinand St.
St. Francaville
5:30 – 7 p.m.
Sharon 225-935-3630

Feb. 29
Penance Service
St. Joseph Church
255 N. Eighth St., Ponchatoula
7 p.m.
Terri Albert 985-386-3749

March 1
Lenten Penance Service
St. Joseph Church
11440 LA Hwy. 16, Maringouin
6 p.m.

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**Readers share some of their favorite Lenten fare**

**Seafood Casserole**

2 – 3 c. rice, cooked
1/2 c. water
Garlic and parsley to taste
Salt and pepper to taste
Breadcrumbs
Sauté onions, bell pepper and celery in butter. Add garlic and parsley. Add soup, choice of seafood. Cook 5 minutes. Add cooked rice, salt, pepper, and water. Pour in pan. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and dot with pats of butter. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes.

**Shrimp and Pasta**

Garlic salt, black pepper and cayenne pepper to taste
Cook and drain pasta. Sauté parsley and green onions in butter until vegetables are tender. Add cooked shrimp, cooked pasta and Parmesan cheese. Season to taste. Spoon into a 9 inch by 13 inch baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for about 20-25 minutes or until bubbly. Serves 6.

**What’s on Your Lenten Menu?**

**Appetizers......A Variety of Lenten Companions**

**Main Course.........**

**Dessert.......Beautiful Rosaries • Prayer Boxes**

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**Novenas planned during Lent**

Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
St. Alphonsus Liguori Church
14040 Greenwell Springs Rd., Greenwell Springs
6 – 6:45 p.m.; Feb. 10: 5:15 p.m.
Parish office 225-261-4650

Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17 & 31
St. Thomas More Church
11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge
After 6 p.m. Mass
Parish office 225-275-3940

Immaculate Heart of Mary
11440 LA Hwy. 77, Maringouin
After 8:30 a.m. Mass
Margie Spina 225-625-2438

Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Ascension of Our Lord Church
716 Mississippi St., Donaldsonville
After 6 p.m. Mass
Dana Schexnayder 225-473-3176

Our Lady of Mercy Church
445 Marquette Ave., Baton Rouge
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Deacon Richard Grant 225-926-1883

St. John the Evangelist Church
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6 – 7:30 p.m.
225-665-5369

St. Louis King of France Church
Teenie Bajon
1 small bunch of fresh green
1/2 bunch fresh parsley, finely
chopped
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Add cooked shrimp, cooked pasta
and Parmesan cheese. Season
Salt and pepper to taste
Serve 6.

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Church office 225-383-2537

March 16 & 17
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2305 Choctaw Drive
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7 – 9 p.m. (Vietnamese)
Saturdays 3 – 3:45 p.m. (English)
225-357-4800

March 15 & 22
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
2250 Main St., Baton Rouge
5 – 6:30 p.m.
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St. John the Evangelist Church
57805 Main St., Plaquemine
After 6 p.m. Mass
Church office 225-687-2402

Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17 & 31
St. Thomas More Church
11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge
After 6 p.m. Mass
Parish office 225-275-3940

Immaculate Heart of Mary
11440 LA Hwy. 77, Maringouin
After 8:30 a.m. Mass
Margie Spina 225-625-2438
Lenten fund raisers throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge

**Feb. 12**
Fried Fish Dinner  
Fr. Van Baast Ct. #23 Ladies Auxiliary  
St. Benedict the Moor Church  
5479 Hwy. 1, Napoleonville  
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
$7 plate includes fried fish, potato salad, sweet peas, bread and dessert  
Geryl Lyn Lewis 985-513-2528  
Penny LeBlanc 985-413-3195

**Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 4 & 11**  
Lenten Suppers  
Immaculate Conception Church  
Parish Hall  
865 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs  
5 – 7:30 p.m.; dine-in or take-out  
$8 plate, variety of seafood suppers  
Tickets: church office 225-665-5359

**Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11 & 18**  
KC Fish Fry  
St. Joseph Church  
15710 LA Hwy. 16, French Settlement  
3 p.m.  
$8 plate, pick up only, drive thru  
Office 225-698-2110

**Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11 & 18**  
KC Fish Fry  
St. Alphonsus Liguori Church  
14040 Greenwell Springs Road  
Greenwell Springs  
4 – 6 p.m.  
$9 per plate includes fish, fries, coleslaw and roll  
Take out only  
Billy Harris 225-936-8038

**Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 4 & 18**  
Fish Fry  
St. Patrick Church  
12424 Brogdon Lane, Baton Rouge  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
$7 fried fish, french fries, coleslaw  
$9 baked tilapia, sweet potato, coleslaw  
Marty Humphrey 225-439-3219

**Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 4 & 18**  
Fish Fry  
St. Paul Church  
3912 Gus Young Ave., Baton Rouge  
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
$9 plate includes fried catfish or fried shrimp, potato salad, sweet peas, bread and dessert  
Ernest Hebert 225-387-9506

**Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 4 & 18**  
Fish Fry  
St. Margaret Queen of Scotland  
30300 Catholic Hall Road, Albany  
Parish Hall  
4 – 7 p.m.  
$8 includes fried fish, french fries, coleslaw, bread & dessert  
Mary E. Herbert 225-567-3573

**Feb. 19**  
Gumbo Dinner  
St. Margaret Queen of Scotland  
30300 Catholic Hall Road, Albany  
Parish Hall  
4 – 7 p.m.  
$8 includes gumbo, rice, french bread and dessert  
Mary E. Herbert 225-567-3573

**Feb. 12 and March 11**  
KC Council #4874 Fish Fry  
KC Hall  
1701 E. Pecan St., Ponchatoula  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. pick up in activity center  
Menu: stmarkgonzales.org  
Robin Richardson 225-647-8461

**Feb. 12 and March 11**  
KC Council #1393 Lenten Fish Fry  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
14300 Greenwell Springs Road  
Greenwell Springs  
4 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
$9 per plate includes fish, fries, coleslaw and roll  
Take out only  
Brian Harris 225-936-8038

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Parish Hall  
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Our Mission of Mercy  
Fully Alive Catholic  
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From Here to Hope:  
The Key to Peace  
Rev. Joe Palermo  
Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge  
5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA 70006  
Call Susan Halligan (504) 967-9604  
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**February 17-19, 2016**  
Forgiveness: the Key to Peace  
Presenter: Rev. Anthony Rigoli, O.M.I.

**February 26-28, 2016**  
From Here to Hope: Our Mission of Mercy  
Presenter: Rev. Joe Palermo, CPPS

**February 12-14, 2016**  
The Holy Year of Mercy  
Presenter: Rev. Donald Blanchard

**March 4-6, 2016**  
Living as a Fully Alive Catholic  
Presenter: Rev. Joe Palermo
Ways You Can Help the Needy this Lenten Season!

Join Bishop Robert Muench, Chef John Folse and Father Cleo Milano
at the 2016 Count Your Blessings Supper

Friday, March 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center

Bishop Robert Muench and Chef John Folse are ready to Stir it Up! Come and Count Your Blessings with us. Join us for a simple Lenten supper of soup and bread – a meal that will nourish you physically and spiritually. This year’s Count Your Blessings Supper is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4th, at Our Lady of Mercy’s Parish Activity Center.

Order your tickets today using the attached order form or give us a call at (225) 383-7837, extension O. Tickets will also be available at the door. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a Count Your Blessings Lenten gift to St. Vincent de Paul to help in our work with God’s poor. Financial gifts can be mailed to: Count Your Blessings, P. O. Box 127, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0127, or made online at www.svdpbr.org.

Build A Basket For Needy Kids

When families are struggling to exist on minimum-wage incomes, just paying the rent and putting food on the table is difficult. Needy children learn at an early age that there’s nothing in the budget for extras. Things like Easter baskets are luxuries their families simply cannot afford. Join St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Community Radio-WPVR 1380 AM in providing Easter baskets for needy children. To find out how you can help with this year’s Build a Basket effort, call us at (225) 383-7837, ext. O.

You Can Answer a Prayer and Save a Life Today!

Join WBRZ-Channel 2, Pat Shingleton, the Baton Rouge Clinic and St. Vincent de Paul in filling prescriptions for the needy. Retail prices for brand name and generic prescription drugs have risen greatly in the past year. Our St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy provides a solution for low-income individuals who cannot keep pace with the rising cost of prescription medicine. We are seeing more people who are breaking tablets in half and skipping doses of life-sustaining medicines in a desperate attempt to make ends meet. For more details on how you can save someone’s life by filling a prescription, visit our website at www.svdpbr.org.