



# THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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### MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM  
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM  
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM  
VIGIL – 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM  
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM  
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon  
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

### ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

### ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 10 - 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon

### BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

## ST. MICHAEL

Website: [www.ollsm.org](http://www.ollsm.org)

### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM  
HOLY DAY – NOON

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** *Chant by Cantor*

**OFFERTORY:** *"The Glory of these Forty Days" #781*

**COMMUNION:** *Chant by Cantor*

**MASS PARTS:** *Siena Mass Chant, St. Michael Hymnal #149*

## Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

God is waiting for us. No matter who we are or what we have done, we have a loving Father who is waiting for us. We are a dearly beloved child and we have a Father who wants us to return. Who will meet us and run to us with kisses and even throw a party if we would but come back. That is the message of the parable of the prodigal son in describing God incredible mercy and generosity to those who fallen away and turn around and come home.

What does it take to come back home to the Father to be restored as a child of God? Sometimes our lives are so

empty, miserable and bitter that it is easy to be homesick. But we may feel so worthless that we don't think that the Father could ever take us back. We doubt his love, we doubt his mercy. Look at the crucifix, he did that for you. And from that cross where every breath was an agony, his first words were: "Father forgive them." Be assured of his love. He will never spurn a humble and contrite heart.

But sometimes we leave the Father while we are sitting in his house. Our Christian life has become superficial. We show up at his house

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regularly, but the cares and concerns of the world consume our thoughts and actions. God is on our "to do list" like checking up on Grandpa once a week. We are like the jealous older son in the parable of the prodigal son. We have forgotten what God's love is all about, welcoming the stranger, putting aside our own agenda to serve others, assuming the best and not the worst about others, allowing ourselves to be Christ's hands and feet on earth. Yes that older son should have been with the Father in that joyful embrace of his younger brother. And in his pride and envy the older son was trying to change God rather than himself. The Father was waiting for him too.

In the words of Saint Josemaria Escriva, Lent is a time set aside for working fervently to mend what is broken, to save what is lost, to bring back order and to re-establish a divine balance. We are children of a loving God and Lent is a joyous time when we get to strengthen or in some cases re-establish our kinship relationship with our creator. We need to remember, Saint Josemaria said, that "God does not lose battles, and if we are united to him we will never be overcome." We can become good children of God.

Ask God this Lent what barriers are between you and him. How are you the disobedient son or daughter? What things must be uprooted in your life to make your relationship closer? What habits need to be placed in the fire and burned that has blocked your knowledge of his love and companionship? And what new steps must you learn to be his true Apostle on earth? As Saint Josemaria acknowledged it is not easy. But we have a loving God, who gave us the model of his son and left us with the Holy Spirit, which will guide us in our purification if we allow him to act within us. When it is hard, look at the cross, embrace the Son of God on the cross, and as Saint Josemaria pointed out, never forget the joy of the resurrection is rooted in the cross.

Saint Josemaria offered us this prayer for Lent: "Mary, our Mother, 'help of Christians, refuge of sinners': intercede with your Son to send us the Holy Spirit, to awaken in our hearts the decision to go ahead confidently, making us hear deep in our soul the call which filled with peace the martyrdom of one of the first Christians: 'Come, return to your Father,' he is waiting for you."

ad Jesum per Mariam,  
Fr. Dean

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

## Sunday, March 1:

### SECOND COLLECTION - HAITI

9:00 - 10:15 AM - Religious Education Class

9:00 - 10:15 AM - Vice & Virtue Class in the Parish Hall

10:30 AM - Mass

## Monday, March 2:

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

## Tuesday, March 3:

8:30 AM - Mass

## Wednesday, March 4:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass

7:00 PM - Confirmation and Dead Theologians Classes

## Thursday, March 5:

8:30 AM - Mass

7:00 PM - RCIA/Inquirers Class

## Friday, March 6:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:30 - 11:30 AM - Mother's Group

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

## Saturday, March 7:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 - Noon - Adoration & Confessions

9:10 - 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion meeting in the Rectory

11:00 AM - Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

## Sunday, March 8:

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Religious Education Class

9:00 - 10:15 AM - Vice & Virtue Class in the Parish Hall

10:30 AM - Mass

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS UP  
SPRING FORWARD MARCH 8**

# ST. MICHAEL

## Sunday, March 1:

### SECOND COLLECTION - HAITI

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Vice & Virtue Class

## Friday, March 6:

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

## Sunday, March 8:

8:00 AM - Mass, Breakfast Sunday

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert, Anna & AnnaRose Lalonde

# THE WAY OF THE CROSS: BREAKING PATTERNS OF SIN

In the Stations of the Cross reflections written by Pope Benedict XVI, he points out that Pilate and the men and women who shouted for the crucifixion of Jesus are not utterly evil. They are like all of us, faced with temptations and have to make decisions.

For Pilate, the question is how will he use his authority with a man he knows to be innocent. While he attempts to free Jesus, in the end he lets his own position and self-interest prevail over what is right.

The combination of ego and self-interest are at the root of many bad decisions we make. In our youth it may be taking a stupid dare rather than walking away. As adults, it may be letting anger escalate when we are challenged so that we say and do things we later regret. We often lie rather than admit our poor choices, and one lie always begets more.

But what about the people in the crowd shouting for Jesus' death; surely we are better than they?

Let's consider how often we have disparaged the reputation of an innocent person by making negative assumptions? How many times have we participated in gossip or remained silent when others offer malicious speculation.

Even if we know something to be true, it is a rare situation when we legitimately need to make it a topic of group discussion.

Now during this time of Lent, let us recognize and stop patterns of sin. In the words of Pope Benedict, let us pray:

*"Strengthen the quiet voice of our conscience, your own voice in our lives. Look at me*

*as you looked at Peter after his denial. Let your gaze penetrate our hearts and indicate the direction our lives must take. On the day of Pentecost you stirred the hearts of those who, on Good Friday, clamored for your death, and you brought them to conversion. In this way you gave hope to all. Grant us, ever anew, the grace of conversion."*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS IN LENT

6:30 PM OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7 PM ST. MICHAEL



### HEALING

- \*Annette Thomas
- \*Nora Rabie
- \*Kim Schott
- \*Macky Hunter
- \*Mike Ellis
- \*Joyce Traugher
- \*Shannon Bell
- \*Don Cole
- \*Eva Davanport
- \*June Bell
- \*Sandra Armour
- \*Ann Marie Legate
- \*Bea Heatherly
- \*Susie Bess
- \*Tom Cuff
- \*Cheryl Bush
- \*Jerry Bush
- \*Robert Bradley
- \*Dorothy Bradley
- \*Gloria Snow
- \*Ernie Axley Sr.
- \*Thelma Lee
- \*Richard Lee
- \*Rosa Priest
- \*Orvil Bray
- \*Glen Isom
- \*Mary Stout

### DEPARTED AND

#### THOSE WHO MOURN

*\*Eternal rest grant them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

### PETITIONS

\*For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.

\*For the protection of persecuted Christians around the world.

### HOMEBOUND

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- \*Dorothy Crosslin
- \*Claudia Traugher
- \*Mary Ann Klimek
- \*R.C. Boyle
- \*Dorothy Johnson
- \*Tom Crumpler
- \*Patty Zawierucha

#### ST. MICHAEL

- \*John Baker
- \*Elizabeth Jenkins
- \*Robert & Regina Head

## THANK YOU

A special thank you to a parishioner with a bobcat and a group of Spanish parishioners with shovels who spent many long hours clearing the Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot of snow to allow the church to hold Ash Wednesday services.

## ABORTION PRAYER VIGIL IN LENT

While Nashville is not an official 40 Days for Life city this Spring, a group of respect life prayer veterans are inviting people to join them during Lent.

The peaceful prayer group will be praying across the street from The Women Center at 419 Welshwood Drive in Nashville between 9-11 AM on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays during Lent.

Those days are when abortions are usually scheduled at the clinic.

The group also is planning a Pro-life Stations of the Cross at the site at noon on Good Friday on April 3.

No parking is allowed on the street, so people coming to join the prayer vigil should park at the top of hill in the Fraternal Order of Police parking lot.

## ASSIGNMENTS

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 3/7/2015

*Lector:* Shelby Hostettler  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Pam Burton & Alice Cole

*Ushers:* John Schwarz & Volunteer

*Altar Server:* Volunteer

SUNDAY – 3/8/2015

*Lector:* Jill Rucker  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Robyn & Gene Masoner

*Ushers:* Paul Nutting & Volunteer

*Altar Servers:* Taw & Cuinn Owens

*Collection Counters:* Mel Warnecke & Buddy Curran

## REMINDER

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

*(Envelopes in the back of the parishes)*

### GOSPEL: 3/2-7/15

MONDAY: *Luke 6:36-38*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 23:1-12*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 20:17-28*

THURSDAY: *Luke 16:19-31*

FRIDAY: *Matthew 21:33-43,45-46*

SATURDAY: *Luke 15:1-3,11-32*

## OFFERING

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

2/22

Parish: \$4,481.00

United Ministries: \$365.63

### ST. MICHAEL

2/22

Parish: \$510.00

United Ministries: \$57.00

### ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 3/8/2015

*Lector:* Mike Ellis

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Anna Tinkle & Linda Harbert

*Usher/Greeter:* Anna Tinkle

*Collection Counters:* Mary Jackson & Joe Grady

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM  
SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM  
TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM  
FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM  
SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of Harry & Thelma Lee  
For the deceased members of the Altar Society  
For the repose of the soul of Carolyn Medeiros by Brenda & Terry Kelch  
For the intentions of Dave Kelly by his family  
For the respect of life from conception to natural death  
For the intentions of Thom Bell  
For the repose of the soul of Dorothy Johnson by Anthony & Mary Melton  
For the repose of the soul of Charles Norris Sr. by his family