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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

What a blessing that the Lord calls us to grow in our relationship with Him during this holy season of Lent! Hopefully these first few days have been a start of spiritual renewal for you. There are several special events in the parish for us to look forward to during Lent:

First, Fr. Jeffrey Montz will be offering our parish Lenten mission this week: “Prayer: The Heartbeat of the Spiritual Life.” Fr. Jeffrey will address these questions and more: *What is prayer? Is prayer necessary for the Christian or optional? How does one begin to pray? Is there something wrong with me if I feel nothing in prayer? What can I do with my wandering mind when I pray? For how long do I need to pray?*

The mission will last for three nights—Monday through Wednesday, February 19-21—and will begin at 6pm each evening in the Church. I will be available for confession each evening before the mission begins; and Fr. Jeffrey will be available for confession on Monday and Tuesday evening after the Mission concludes.

Second, we invite all parishioners, neighbors, and friends of our parish community to join us for our parish Lenten Fish Fry Dinners on February 23, March 2, and March 9. Serving hours are from 5:30pm – 8:00pm (after Stations of the Cross, which are at 5:00pm). Don’t miss out on great fellowship while enjoying a delicious fish dinner at the low price of only \$8.00!

We are beginning to sell tickets for our Parish Fundraiser Raffle. This will raise funds for the restoration and maintenance of our historic church and for upgrades to our parish facilities. Tickets are \$50.00 each or 3 for \$125.00. There will be four cash prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$5,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$1,500; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$750; and 4<sup>th</sup> prize of \$250. Tickets will be on sale at each of the Fish Fry Dinners and at the Parish Office. The drawing will be held at our Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Help support our beautiful parish by purchasing your tickets for the raffle!

Finally, we are excited to announce that the parish has a new website hosted by eCatholic, which is free for the parish and is much easier for us to update regularly. Check it often to keep track of what’s happening and to learn more about our faith. With the new website, we have also shortened our web address and our email address for the parish. The new website can be found at [www.olar-nola.org](http://www.olar-nola.org) and the new parish email address is: [office@olar-nola.org](mailto:office@olar-nola.org).

To Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Jonathan

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