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# Pastor article

Written by Pastor Candy O'Meara

Hello Everyone!

In ancient times, people would wear sackcloth (basically a hair shirt) and sit in ashes as an act of repentance. These acts would be a tactile reminder of the need to turn away from sin and return to God. Now, the good news is that most of us don't wear hair shirts anymore. However, we do mark the beginning of Lent (which is a season of self-reflection and returning to God) with ashes.



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In the Christian church these ashes traditionally come from burning the palms from the previous Palm Sunday. We place (impose) these ashes on the foreheads of everyone: the newborn to the one facing end-of-life with the words "remember you are dust and to dust you will return". This imposition is not just a morose way of remembering that we're going to die; instead, it's a reminder that the God who created us from the dust of the earth never leaves us. God was with us before we were born, and God will be with us long after our bones wither and fade away.

You will have several opportunities to receive ashes and mark this beginning of Lent: Ashes-to-Go will be from 8:00am-5:00pm on March 5 at the drive-thru at the Fellowship Hall. We will also have worship services at noon and 6:00pm.

In lieu of the hair shirt might I suggest instead that you consider returning to worship as you are able? If Hosanna's time or location doesn't work for you, please consider somewhere else to worship. Staying connected to God and community is especially important right now.

Here at Hosanna, during Lent, we will be reflecting on Jesus' parables as we consider "Everything [in] Between". If you want to spend more time in contemplation of this theme, we will once again have our Wednesday Lunch & Learn in the fellowship hall at noon. Bring your own lunch!

Here is a summary of the series.  
God bless you in this Lenten season!

## [ The series at a glance ]

Pastor Candy

ASH WED.	1 <sup>ST</sup> SUN IN LENT	2 <sup>ND</sup> SUN IN LENT	3 <sup>RD</sup> SUN IN LENT	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUN IN LENT	5 <sup>TH</sup> SUN IN LENT	PALM / PASSION SUNDAY	MAUNDY THURS	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
intention & action	stranger & neighbor	faith & works	rest & growth	lost & found	righteousness & mercy	shouting & silence	power & humility	acceptance & resistance	grief & hope
Luke 9:51-62 (Jesus sets out for Jerusalem)	Luke 10:25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)	Luke 10:38-42 (Mary & Martha host Jesus)	Luke 13:6-9 (Parable of the fig tree)	Luke 15:1-7 (Parable of the lost sheep)	Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus greets Jesus)	Luke 19:29-40 (Jesus enters Jerusalem)	Luke 22:1-27 (Last Supper)	Luke 23:32-49 (Jesus dies alongside a penitent thief)	Luke 24:1-12 (The women grieve and Peter runs to the tomb)

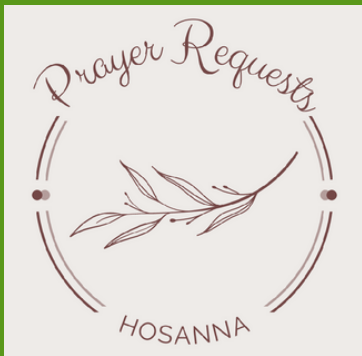


## Notes & News

JOIN THE HOSANNA FAMILY  
AT 9:00AM

OR WATCH ON FACEBOOK  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HLCPAGE](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HLCPAGE)

More events may be added throughout the month. Check Hosanna Happenings emails, Sunday slides or Facebook for an updated list of events.



To submit prayer requests  
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### Hosanna's Office Staff



Alisa Nelson  
Office Manager



Grace  
Schneider  
Bookkeeper

# March 2025

## Church Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for the online church calendar

- February 27 **Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall**
- March 1 **Property Brothers**
- March 2 **9am Sunday Service  
Bible Study after the service**
- March 3 **NO Hosanna Hot Meals**
- March 5 **Drive Thru Ashes 8am-5pm in the Fellowship Hall Circle  
Ash Wednesday- Services 12pm and 6pm  
JOY at 10am @Windsor Senior Living**
- March 6 **Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall**
- March 8 **Property Brothers @8am**
- March 9 **9am Sunday Service  
Annual Meeting following the service**
- March 10 **Hosanna Hot Meals**
- March 12 **Lunch-N-Lent 12pm, Fellowship Hall, bring sack lunch**
- March 13 **Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall**
- March 15 **Property Brothers @8am**
- March 16 **9am Sunday Service  
Bible Study or Redevelopment after the service**
- March 17 **Hosanna Hot Meals**
- March 19 **JOY @10am at Windsor Senior Living  
Lunch-N-Lent 12pm, Fellowship Hall, bring sack lunch**
- March 20 **Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall**
- March 22 **Property Brothers @8am**
- March 23 **9am Sunday Service  
Bible Study or Redevelopment after the service**
- March 24 **Hosanna Hot Meals**
- March 26 **Lunch-N-Lent 12pm, Fellowship Hall, bring sack lunch**
- March 27 **Quilters @8:30am in the Fellowship Hall**

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**Hosanna Hot Meals**

Serving those with food insecurities in St. Tammany Parish. Pick up and delivery available every Monday. We couldn't do this ministry without our partners: Covington Presbyterian Church and Just Love Your Neighbor!


**Wish to help?**  
 We are Looking for volunteers of all types: food prep, food packaging, drivers, cleaners. please contact the office if you would like to help!

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**Hosanna Quilters:**  
 QUILTERS MEET EVERY THURSDAY  
 8:30 AM-12PM  
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
 @ 222 S. JEFFERSON AVENUE.  
 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,  
 PLEASE CONTACT  
 DEBBIE COLEMAN OR THE OFFICE

**JOY (Just Older Youth)**

WILL MEET March 5th and 12th @ WINDSOR SENIOR LIVING CENTER  
 1770 N. Causeway Blvd., Mandeville  
 2nd Floor Conference Room (elevator available)  
 For questions, please contact Rachael Moore  
 at (504) 432-8541.  
 We hope to see you there!



**THE FAITH GARDEN IS G R O W I N G!!!!**  
 THE FAITH GARDEN TEAM MEETS **MONDAYS AT 4:30PM.**  
 WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF OUR TEAM!!!



**Hosanna F.A.I.T.H**  
 food always in the home

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER OR STOP ON BY MONDAY EVENINGS!

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**SMART GIVING**  
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**PROPERTY BROTHERS**  
 MEETS SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 8 AM AND NEEDS OUR HELP



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT MARK ALEXANDER AT (985) 705-5230

**Congregational Meeting**  
 March 9th after the service  
 Voting on council members.  
 more info on next page





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### Redevelopment Team:

Redevelopment meets in the church office every other Sunday after the service.

Attendance is open to all!



**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, March 9nd following church.**

**We will be voting on new Council Members and 2026 Nominating Committee. See nominees below:**

**Executive Council nominee:**

**Rob Rhea [robertrhea51@gmail.com](mailto:robertrhea51@gmail.com)**

**Church Council nominee:**

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**Nominating Committee nominees:**

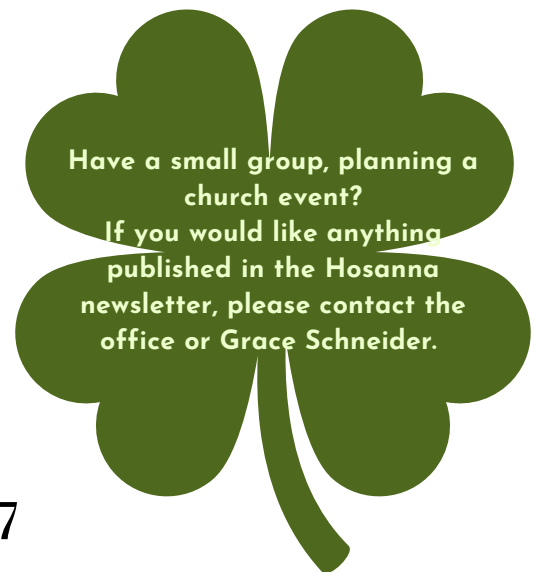
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**C.J. & Marlene Mehle    March 12    42 years**



Have a small group, planning a church event?

If you would like anything published in the Hosanna newsletter, please contact the office or Grace Schneider.



**Dylan Nichols                    March 7**

**Adam Moore                    March 9**

**Cynthia Naka                    March 22**

**Candis O'Meara                March 27**