

Bible Quiz # 55
The Book of Ruth (Chapters 1-4)

DUE: April 7

- Who was Ruth's mother-in-law?
- Why did Naomi, her husband Elimelech, and their sons go from Bethlehem to Moab?
- Ruth was originally from which country?
A. Egypt B. Moab C. Israel D. Babylon
- True or False: Naomi's husband and her two sons after their marriage died in Moab.
- In what town did Naomi and Ruth return to when they left Moab?
- True or False: Ruth was the widow of Naomi's son Mahlon.
- What famous statement did Ruth say to Naomi?
- What was Ruth doing in the fields when Boaz noticed her?
A. Harvesting grapes B. Gleaning leftover grain
C. Planting seeds D. Feeding animals
- True or False: Boaz was a close relative of Naomi's family.
- What did Naomi tell Ruth to do at the threshing floor?
- Yes or No: There was another relative who had the right to redeem Naomi's land before Boaz.
- What object was used to confirm the agreement when the closer relative gave up his right?
A. Ring B. Staff C. Sandal D. Robe
- What was the name of the son born to Ruth and Boaz?
- True or False: Obed became the grandfather of King David.
- What was Boaz called because he had the right to marry Ruth and restore the family line?
A. Prophet B. Redeemer (Kinsman-Redeemer)
C. Judge D. Shepherd

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday's Gospel shows how Jesus' mission for all of us works. Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. He tells her about a different kind of water that he offers: A living water that makes life eternal with God. The woman sees that he is the promised Messiah and immediately evangelizes the local villagers. They too come to accept who Jesus is after listening to him teach for two days. Like Jesus, we are expected to share his Good News and invite others to "drink" the living water from God.

Talk with your family about the opportunities you all have to be able to share your faith with others. As a special devotion, try to have a brief family prayer each of the remaining days of Lent. Use a favorite family prayer, pray in your own words, or say one decade of the Rosary. Be sure to set a definite time for your daily prayer. Try to join in a morning prayer or an evening prayer together each day for a week. Pray for opportunities to bring the Good News of Jesus to many people.

God Bless! BWM, DRE

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Bayou Vista

March 1, 2026



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3rd Sunday of Lent



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8 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	9 Put your hope in God. PSALM 42:5	10 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. PSALM 25:3	11 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. PSALM 78:1	12 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. LUKE 11:23	13 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. MARK 12:30	14 Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness. PSALM 51:14
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March 13, 20, & 27
\$12 5 - 7 pm
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Rev. Thainese Alphonse
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Secretary/DRE: Becky W. Meranta
Wed./Thurs. 8:30am - 3:30pm
Church & Rectory House Keeper: Melinda Frederick
Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 12pm

Sacraments
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat. 3:15 - 3:50pm; Sundays & weekdays 20 min. before Mass.
Sacrament of Baptism:
Contact the office to schedule a meeting with the pastor, at the parents' convenience, one month prior to the desired Baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after 10:30am Mass.
Sacrament of Marriage:
Couples wishing to get married should call the office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding to begin the marriage preparation.
Marriage annulment:
Contact the pastor for easy guidance.
Anointing the Sick:
Call the office to schedule an appointment.
Youth Faith Formation:
Wednesday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Schedule of Holy Masses
Weekends:
Saturday - Anticipated Mass - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am & 10:30 am
Weekdays:
Tuesday - Friday—12:10 pm

Monday, March 9th
12:10 pm
†Souls in Purgatory.

Tuesday, Mar. 10th
12:10 pm
†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

Wednesday, Mar. 11th
12:10 pm
†Souls in Purgatory.

Thursday, Mar. 12th
12:10 pm
†John Ourso †Danny Peterson.

Friday, Mar. 13th
5:00 pm
†Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Saturday, March 14th
Anticipated Mass 4:00 pm
†Hebert, Zerangue, & Smith Families - Living & Deceased
†Thomas Rivet, Jr †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV
†Ray LaHoste, Jr †Raymond LaHoste, Sr. †Jim Aloisio
†Clarence & Ella Walker †Mary Bernard Blanchard
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Red & Yvonne Anne Adams
†Claire Torres Ingalls †Patricia & Donald Torres, Sr
†Louis & Girlie Berthelot †Whalen Kiffe †Alberta LeBlanc
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†Murphy L. LeBlanc †Miranda L. Pennison
†Kim Ordogne †Curtis & Althea Verret
†Sherry Williams †Russel Verret †Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Gene Bosworth & Joseph Mier Families
†Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families.

Sunday, March 15th
7:30 am
†Albert Solet †Luke Guillot †Maria & Ruben Trevino
†Ruby & Roland Crappell.
10:30 am
†Rose Lipari †Ruth Wiggins †Terry Wiggins
†Carlo Streva, Sr. †Don Lasseigne Family
†Seth Chumbley Family - Living & Deceased
†Landry & Justilian Families - Living & Deceased
†Scholler & McGinnis Families - Living & Deceased.

Together We Pray
Melinda Frederick, Judy Tholen, Jude Duval, Gerald Hotard, Kevin Theriot, James Bergeron, Daisy Roberts & Family, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcemont, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlatve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY & Elaine Mula, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romain, Robert David, Jr, Robert Paul David, Gert Simoneaux, Kristi Wisdom, Juanita Prestenbach, Barbara Rivet, Bill Vincent, Judy Cornwell, Ella Ryker, Brenda Dawson, Mike Reed, Rhodes Family, Jaret Matte, Carl Written, Mary Liles, Jean Derise, Barry Clark, Ross Mire, Ina Miller, Greg Verret, Doug Pillsbury, Aubry "Poochie" Sutton, Paul Wooten, Merian Rock, Carolina Rodrigue, Dwayne Meranta, Ernie Meranta, Darlene Aucoin, David Rossen, Wybra Duay, Stuart Aucoin, Andy Robichaux, Robin Bailey Jeansonne, Crue Hotard, Vanessa Solet, Dawn Spinella, Laila Claire Gardemal, Cynthia Athinson, Logan Gros, Ella Ryker, Special Intentions, Belinda Fabre Lee, Rosa Rosado, Armando Rosado, Glen Cormier, SJ Sampey, Ruby Breaux, Barbara D. Aucoin, Sarah Ford, Carlo Streva, Jr, Danny Barras, Lynn Rose Pete Allen, Lanny Theriot, Jim Turner, Kevin Cothron, Bill Ford, Sr., Lynette Rink, Emily Dupre, Sheila Touns, Priscilla Hebert Sampey, EJ Landry, Dr. Keith Comeaux, Brent Driskill, Sharon Rulf Guidry, Wiley Magee, Barbara Cothron, Rhonda Cothron Cook, Cory Spinella Meranta, Layne Aucoin, Steve Bounds, Kate Louviere, V. J. Justilian, Ruth Stanley, Shelia Mayon, Myrna Richie, and a dear friend.

Liturgical Ministries

Date	Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Min. of Comm.	Altar Servers
Sat. Mar. 14	4:00 pm	Judy Brannon	Linda Russo	Judy Brannon	
Sun. Mar. 15	7:30 am	John Trevino	Roz Meranta	—	
	10:30 am	Melinda Frederick	Christian Pham	Kim Meranta	Elijah Parker L. Luke J.

33 BIBLE VERSES about **SELF CONTROL**

Titus 1:8	Psalm 141:3	2 Timothy 1:7
Philippians 4:8-9	Hebrews 4:15	2 Peter 1:5-7
1 Peter 5:8	Romans 8:13	James 1:19-21
Galatians 5:13	Galatians 5:16-17	Titus 2:11-12
Titus 2:2	2 John 1:8	Proverbs 12:16
Matthew 6:33	Ecclesiastes 7:9	Romans 12:1
1 Corinthians 6:18	Romans 13:14	Job 31:1
Titus 2:6	1 Corinthians 6:10	1 Corinthians 7:5
Ephesians 5:18	Proverbs 20:1	1 Corinthians 10:13
1 Timothy 4:7	Romans 8:5-6	Galatians 5:21-23
1 John 2:16	Proverbs 21:23	Proverbs 18:21

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DEVIL RELEASES THE DONKEY IN US!

A donkey was tied to a tree. The devil came and quietly untied it. The donkey wandered into a nearby field and began destroying crops. Seeing the damage, the farmer's wife shot the donkey. Enraged, the donkey's owner shot the farmer's wife. When the farmer returned and found his wife dead, he shot the donkey's owner. In retaliation, the owner's wife sent her sons to burn down the farmer's house. They did so gladly, assuming the farmer would perish in the flames. He did not. In fury and grief, the farmer killed the woman and her two sons.

Later, overwhelmed with remorse, the farmer asked the devil why he had caused such devastation. The devil replied, "I did nothing. I only released the donkey. All of you reacted, overreacted, and released the inner devil within yourselves."

This story is a powerful metaphor for human behavior. The "donkey" represents small provocations, misunderstandings, or unexpected problems that enter our lives. The devil does not need to destroy us directly. He simply loosens something minor and watches as we allow anger, pride, and vengeance to take control.

In daily life, donkeys are constantly being "released." A careless comment at work. A harsh message on social media. A driver cutting us off in traffic. A rumor repeated without verification. None of these events are catastrophic on their own. Yet how often do we respond with words sharper than necessary, actions harsher than required, or decisions fueled by wounded ego?

Conflict rarely explodes in a single moment. It escalates step by step. One reaction triggers another. Each person feels justified. "I was only defending myself."

"They started it." "I had no choice." But in truth, at every stage there was a choice — the choice to pause.

Psychologists call this the "amygdala hijack" — when emotions override rational thinking. In those heated seconds, we feel compelled to act. However, wisdom lies in creating space between stimulus and response. A deep breath. A moment of silence. A question instead of an accusation. These small pauses can prevent irreversible consequences.

The moral is not about donkeys or devils. It is about self-control. We cannot always control what is untied around us, but we can control how we respond. Strength is not shown in retaliation; it is revealed in restraint. Maturity is not proven by winning an argument but by preventing unnecessary battles.

The next time you feel anger rising, ask yourself: Is this a donkey moment? Am I about to release my inner devil? Will this response solve the problem or multiply it?

Many tragedies — in families, workplaces, communities, even nations — begin with something small. But they grow because people refuse to step back. Breaking the chain requires courage, humility, and patience.

So before replying, responding, reporting, rebuking, or seeking revenge, stop and think. The devil may only release the donkey. What happens next is up to you.

In the Service of the Lord

fr. Thaisese Alphonse